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MINUTES

MAY 19, 1916.

Morning Session.

The twenty-second quadrennial session of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in the First Methodist Protestant Church, in the city of Zanesville, Ohio, May 19, 1916, at 10 o'clock. The Conference was called to order by President Lyman Edwin Davis. Invocation by President Davis.

The President appointed the following committee on Credentials: George H. Miller, U. W. Morrison, T. L. Garrison, T. P. Fisher, and A. T. Merriman.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. E. D. Beck, President of the Muskingum Annual Conference, who read the following scripture lesson: Psalm 133 and John 16.20-23. Prayer was offered by J. F. McCulloch, of North Carolina. The Conference sermon was then preached by Hugh Latimer Elderdice, President of Westminster Theological Seminary, from the text Col. 3:15; prayer by George W. Holmes, President of North Carolina Conference.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the President of the General Conference assisted by the following presidents of Annual Conferences: J. S. Bowers, of Maryland; E. D. Beck, of Muskingum; George W. Holmes, of North Carolina; F. W. Varney, of Eastern; J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh; M. R. Stover, of Ohio; W. W. Lineberry, of Indiana; B. A. Brooks, of Kansas; J. A. McCord, of Missouri; J. P. Morgan, of Alabama; J. J. Phillips, of West Virginia, and J. E. Butler, of Texas.

After singing the doxology the benediction was pronounced by H. L. Elderdice, of Maryland.

Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session was opened with devotional services, conducted by J. W. Hawley, of the Pittsburgh Conference; prayer by F. T. Tagg, editor of the "Methodist Protestant."

The roll was called and necessary corrections made.

The Secretary moved that the program as published and distributed be made the official program, subject to such changes as might be found necessary. F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, moved that the program be laid on the table. The motion was carried. D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, moved that a committee of three be appointed on program. Carried.

The President appointed the following program committee: Dr. C. H. Beck, Dr. J. F. McCulloch, Dr. F. A. Perry.

On motion of J. Bibb Mills, of Maryland, the following program was adopted for this afternoon: 3:00 o'clock, quadrennial address by Rev. Lyman E. Davis, D. D., President of the General Conference; 3:30, report of the Executive Committee; 3:50, report of the Secretary; 4:00, election of officers of the General Conference; 4:30, incidental business.

Ira Champion, of Alabama, moved the adoption of the rules of the last session of the General Conference, including an additional rule, providing that all elections be by ballot.

On motion of G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, the motion was amended, the rule requiring all elections to be by ballot was strick-

The Secretary announced the following as his assistants: George R. Brown of West Virginia and S. W. Taylor of North Carolina.

On motion of F. C. Klein of Maryland, the hours for meeting for the General Conference, be 7:30 this evening and 9 o'clock in the morning.

T. A. Murray of Maryland called the attention of the representatives to Rule 18 and asked that it be rigidly enforced.

The following resolution was offered and adopted: Resolved by this General Conference, That the sermon preached by Dr. H. L. Elderdice this morning be published in the "Methodist Protestant," the "Methodist Recorder," and the "Methodist Protestant Herald."

Signed J. P. MORGAN,
S. H. LYNCH.

On motion the Conference adjourned to meet at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

Benediction by D. S. Stephens of Oklahoma.

Evening Session.

Conference convened at 7:30, President Davis presiding; prayer was offered by J. M. Sheridan, of Maryland. A very inspiring sermon was delivered by John H. Lucas, D. D., LL.D., Chancellor of Kansas City University, from a text found in Acts 26:19. At the close of the sermon George G. Shurtz, pastor of the Conference church, introduced Dr. Herbert Scott, pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, and President of the Ministerial Union of Zanesville, Ohio, who, on behalf of the Evangelical Protestant Churches, accorded a cordial welcome to the members of the General Conference.

Mr. W. A. Wilson, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Zanesville, Ohio, on behalf of the gentlemen whom he represented, delivered an address of welcome. Dr. Davis, President of the Conference, responded to these addresses.

The members of the church extended a cordial welcome, in a unique and original way. Twelve young ladies took part in this delightful service. The exercises were interspersed with instrumental and vocal music by the choir.

Conference adjourned to meet at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

After adjournment a pleasant social hour was spent.

SECOND DAY.

Saturday, May 20, 1916.

Morning Session.

Conference convened at 9:00 o'clock. The devotional services were conducted by John S. Bowers, of Maryland, who read Romans 12: Prayer by C. E. Forlines, of North Carolina.

The roll was called, and the minutes read, corrected, and approved.

On motion the President appointed the following Committee on Pulpit services: G. G. Shurtz, S. W. Rosenberger, and J. W. Hawley.

The Committee on program submitted the following report:

SATURDAY, MAY 20.

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship, conducted by Rev. J. S. Bowers, D. D., Baltimore, Md.

en out, the question recurring on adoption of original motion. The motion prevailed, and the rules of the last session of the General Conference were made the rules for this session.

On motion of G. H. Miller, of Muskingum, the program for this evening will be as follows: Sermon by J. H. Lucas, D. D., LL.D., of Kansas City, Kansas. Reception to the General Conference by the Zanesville Methodist Protestant Church.

The order of the day having arrived, the President read his quadrennial address.

The Secretary of the Executive Committee read the report of the Committee for the quadrennium.

The Secretary of the General Conference submitted his report for the quadrennium and on motion it was referred to the auditing committee.

The order of the day, the election of officers having arrived, J. C. Broomfield of Pittsburgh nominated Dr. Lyman E. Davis for President of the General Conference to succeed himself. D. C. Coburn of Muskingum, R. E. Games of Ohio, J. E. Butler of Texas, F. A. Perry of Michigan, W. W. Lineberry, D. D. of Indiana, C. J. Nutt of Iowa, A. D. Williams of West Virginia and I. A. Brice of Onondaga seconded the nomination of Dr. Davis. A. G. Dixon of North Carolina and J. H. Straughn of Maryland moved that the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the General Conference for the election of Dr. Lyman E. Davis as President of the General Conference. This was objected to by C. M. Towns of Georgia. The following tellers were appointed: M. M. Campbell of Ohio, A. G. Dixon of North Carolina, E. C. Chandler of Muskingum and S. W. Jackson of Georgia. By consent F. T. Little of Maryland spoke briefly explaining the objections raised by the representative from Georgia to the unanimous election of Dr. Lyman E. Davis as President of the General Conference. C. M. Towns of Georgia stated his reasons for objecting to the Secretary casting the ballot of the General Conference for Lyman E. Davis for President of the General Conference, insisting that he had no objection to Dr. Davis as a man or as an official but that he believed all elections should be by individual ballots. On motion of F. C. Klein of Maryland the pews in the main auditorium constitute the bar of the Conference. The ballot for President was ordered and taken. The ballot resulted as follows:

Lyman E. Davis	117
F. T. Little	9
H. L. Elderdice	4

Dr. Davis having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared elected President of the General Conference for the ensuing quadrennium. On motion of H. L. Elderdice seconded by F. T. Little the election of Dr. Davis was made unanimous.

On motion of J. P. Morgan of Alabama, the assistant Secretary of the Conference cast the unanimous ballot for the election of C. H. Beck as Secretary.

George H. Miller of Muskingum nominated Rev. C. S. Johnson of Muskingum for Statistical Secretary. On motion the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the election of C. S. Johnson for Statistical Secretary. The ballot was cast and Brother Johnson was declared elected Statistical Secretary.

On motion of A. G. Dixon of North Carolina the Secretary was allowed to select his own assistants.

On motion of F. C. Klein of Maryland J. H. Straughn of Maryland and R. E. Games of Ohio were made Publicity Agents of this Conference.

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10:00 Reports of Standing Committees. (1) Foreign Missions. (2) Home Missions. (3) Ministerial Education. (4) Young People's Work.
General Business.

12:00 Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 p.m. Devotional. Led by R. M. Andrews, Greensboro, N. C.

1:45 Incidental Business.

2:00 Reports of Standing Committees. (1) Committee on Report of The Executive Committee. (2) Committee on Finance. (3) Fraternal Relations. (4) Temperance. (5) Sabbath. (6) Journals. (7) Publishing Interests. (8) Theological Seminaries.

4:00 General Business.

TUESDAY EVENING.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY RALLY.

Secretary, F. C. Klein, Presiding.

7:30 p.m. Song Service, Zanesville Church Choir.

8:00 Address, Rev. E. H. Van Dyke, D. D., Nagoya, Japan.

8:15 Address, Rev. C. S. Heininger, Kalgan, China.

8:30 Address, Rev. Leigh Layman, D. D., returned missionary, Waynesburg, Pa.

8:45 Address, Rev. Fred C. Klein, D. D., Baltimore, Md.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24.

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship, conducted by Rev. B. A. Brooks, D. D., Kansas City, Kans.

9:15 Roll Call. Reading Minutes.

9:30 Incidental Business.

10:00 Election of Editors, Secretaries, and Publishing Agents.

11:30 General Business.

12:00 Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 p.m. Devotional. Led by Rev. J. P. Morgan, D. D., Panola, Ala.

1:45 Incidental Business.

2:00 Rev. William I. Haven, D. D., New York City, Representative American Bible Society.

2:30 Fraternal Messengers.

General Business.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

EDUCATIONAL RALLY.

Chairman of Committee on Education, Presiding.

7:30 Song Service, Choir.

8:30 Address, Rev. Aubrey F. Hess, Ph. D., D. D., Adrian, Mich.

THURSDAY, MAY 25.

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship, conducted by Rev. W. C. Harger, D. D., Detroit, Mich.

9:15 Roll Call. Reading Minutes.

9:30 Unfinished Business.

TWENTY-SECOND QUADRENNIAL SESSION

- 9:15 Roll Call. Reading the Minutes of yesterday's sessions.
 9:30 Incidental Business.
 10:00 Reports of General Boards. (1) Home Missions. (2)
 Foreign Missions. (3) Ministerial Education. (4)
 Board of Young People's Work.
 12:00 Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 1:30 p.m. Devotional. Led by Rev. W. W. Lineberry, D. D., Jonesboro, Indiana.
 1:45 Incidental Business.
 2:00 Reports of Educational Institutions. (1) Adrian College. (2) Western Maryland College. (3) Kansas City University. (4) West Lafayette College. (5) Westminster Theological Seminary.
 4:00 Incidental Business. Announcement.

SUNDAY, MAY 21.

- 10:30 a.m. Sermon, President of the General Conference.
 2:30 Evangelistic Song Service, Rev. E. D. Stone, Baltimore, Md.
 3:00 Address, "From the Bread Line to the Pulpit," Rev. Frederic J. Baylis.
 7:30 Sermon, Rev. C. D. Sinkinson, D. D., Atlantic City, N. J.

MONDAY, MAY 22.

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship, conducted by Rev. J. E. Butler, D. D., Cooper, Texas.
 9:15 Roll Call. Reading Minutes of Saturday's Sessions.
 9:30 Incidental Business.
 10:00 Report of the Board of Publication. (1) The Baltimore Directory. (2) The Pittsburgh Directory.
 11:00 Report of Children's Home at High Point, North Carolina.
 12:00 Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 1:30 Devotional. Led by Rev. J. C. Broomfield, D. D., Fairmont, W. Va.
 1:45 Incidental Business.
 2:00 Report of Committee appointed in 1912, "On Consolidating Publishing Interests, Boards, etc."
 3:00 General Business.

MONDAY EVENING.

TEMPERANCE RALLY.

Chairman of Committee on Temperance, presiding.

- 7:30 p.m. Song Service, Choir of the Entertaining Church.
 8:00 Address. Rev. Geo. Henry, D. D., Representing the Anti-Saloon League.

TUESDAY, MAY 23.

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship, conducted by Rev. U. W. Morrison, D. D., Clarksburg, W. Va.
 9:15 Roll Call. Reading Minutes of yesterday's sessions.
 9:30 Incidental Business.

The order of the day, Reports of General Boards, having arrived, C. H. Beck, Secretary-Treasurer, submitted the report of the Board of Home Missions. On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Home Missions, with the understanding that such parts of the report as refer to the work of other Committees be turned over to them by said Committee.

F. C. Klein, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, submitted the report of the Board of Foreign Missions. On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

George R. Brown, Secretary-Treasurer, submitted the report of the Board of Ministerial Education. On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Education.

H. L. Feeman, Secretary-Treasurer, submitted the report of the Board of Young People's Work. On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Young People's Work.

The following letter was read by the Secretary:

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE:

This is to certify that Mr. N. T. Meginniss, President of the BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY, has been unanimously elected to represent the Board at the coming session of the GENERAL CONFERENCE, to be held at Zanesville, Ohio, May 19, 1916.

By order of the Board,

Baltimore, Md.

Signed J. L. MILLS, Secretary.

May 12, 1916.

The following were made a Committee on Fraternal Relations: J. C. Broomfield of Pittsburgh, and C. D. Sinkinson of Eastern. The Committee on Fraternal Relations introduced the following brethren to the Conference: N. T. Meginniss, President of the Baltimore Book Directory; C. E. Wilbur, Editor of our Sunday School Publications; F. W. Pierpont, Publishing Agent at Pittsburgh; Charles R. Reiner, Jr., Publishing Agent in Baltimore; John H. Lucas, Chancellor of Kansas City University; H. L. Feeman, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Young People's Work; F. J. Baylis, Evangelist, North Illinois; Leigh Layman, Returned Missionary from Japan; A. F. Hess, President of Adrian College and J. C. Williams, President of Westminster College, Texas. On motion, these brethren were invited to seats within the Bar.

On motion, the President was instructed to appoint an Auditing Committee.

On motion of C. W. Bates of North Carolina, the Secretary of the Conference was instructed to send Greetings and Congratulations of this Body to W. M. Strayer, on having reached his eightieth birthday.

On motion the President was instructed to appoint a Committee on Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That a Forward Movement Committee be created and given instructions to outline a program of development and increase covering a four years' period and to propose a definite plan for installing and promoting the movement throughout the denomination with a view to effecting the designed ends.

Signed C. S. JOHNSON,
J. H. STRAUGHN,
C. D. SINKINSON.

On motion of G. W. Haddaway of Maryland, the President was instructed to appoint a Committee of five, three ministers and two

TWENTY-SECOND QUADRENNIAL SESSION

10:00 Roll Call of Committees for Reports.
 11:00 General Business.
 12:00 Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference will be the guests of the City of Zanesville during the afternoon, and no business session will be held.

THURSDAY EVENING.

7:30 p.m. Song Service, Choir.
 8:00 Address, Rev. Charles S. MacFarland, D. D., General Secretary, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

FRIDAY, MAY 26.

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship, conducted by Rev. M. R. Stover, D. D., of Ohio.
 9:15 Roll Call. Reading of Minutes.
 9:30 Unfinished Business.
 10:00 Roll Call of Committees for Reports.
 Incidental Business.
 Committee Announcements.
 12:00 Recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 p.m. Devotional. Led by C. J. Nutt, D.D., Des Moines, Iowa.
 1:45 Unfinished Business.
 2:00 Roll Call of Committees for Reports.
 General Business.

FRIDAY EVENING.

YOUNG PEOPLES RALLY.

Rev. Harlan L. Feeman, D. D., Westminster, Md., presiding.

7:30 p.m. Song Service, Choir.
 8:00 Young People's Board Rally. Address, Rev. Robert M. Hopkins, Ph. D. Subject, The Modern Program for Religious Education.

F. T. Tagg, J. H. Straughn, T. A. Murray and G. W. Haddaway spoke to the question. S. R. Harris, of North Carolina, moved that the following items be stricken from the program: The address of Rev. George Henry, D. D., representing the Anti-Saloon League; the address of William I. Haven, D. D., representing the American Bible Society; the address of Rev. Aubrey F. Hess, Adrian, Mich., and the address of Rev. Charles S. MacFarland, D. D., representing the Federal Council of Christian Churches of America.

F. T. Little and J. M. Sheridan, of Maryland, and S. G. Rutledge, of Arkansas, spoke to the amendment.

The amendment was lost.

The report of the program committee was then adopted.

C. E. Forlines, of North Carolina, moved that a committee be appointed at this session of conference to prepare a program for the next session of the General Conference, the program not to include a longer time than one week.

Pending the discussion of this question, the order of the day was deferred until this motion was disposed of. After brief discussion the motion offered by Dr. Forlines was adopted.

The Committee appointed by the last General Conference to edit the Discipline, submitted the following report:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO EDIT THE DISCIPLINE.

To The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church
Greeting:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Your Committee appointed especially to edit the Discipline begs leave to report that after making a survey of its duties as authorized by the last General Conference, it found that the work as outlined would not accomplish the purpose for which the Committee was created, as the work needed is not editing but revising and harmonizing the phraseology so as to make the Discipline in accord with the Constitution, therefore, it feels that this Committee should be discharged and a new Committee created with authority to re-write and harmonize the entire Discipline.

This Committee could work in conjunction with the regular revision Committee of the Conference and probably should be made a part of that Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed L. E. DAVIS,
T. A. HUNTER,
A. D. WILLIAMS.

On motion, the report was adopted.

A memorial was received from the Iowa and North Missouri Conferences and was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

F. T. Little of Maryland, Commissioner, representing the Methodist Protestant Church on the Methodist Ecumenical Commission, submitted a report. Pending the discussion of the report, the order of the day was called. On motion of H. L. Elderdice of Maryland, the order of the day was postponed until the report of Dr. Little could be disposed of. On motion of D. S. Stephens of Oklahoma, the report was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations. The Committee on Fraternal Relations introduced the following brethren to the General Conference: Dr. B. W. Anthony of Pittsburgh, R. T. Pickens of North Carolina, Dr. E. B. Crump of Michigan, and Dr. F. N. Foster of Pittsburgh. On motion, these brethren were invited to seats within the Bar of the Conference.

The order of the day having arrived, reports were received from the Educational Institutions, as follows: A. F. Hess, President, submitted a report for Adrian College. On motion the report was referred to the Committee on Education. The Secretary of the Conference read a report from Western Maryland College, which on motion, was referred to the Committee on Colleges.

J. H. Lucas, Chancellor, submitted a report for Kansas City University. After considerable discussion, the report was referred to the Committee on Colleges. A. G. Dixon of North Carolina, moved that T. A. Murray of Maryland, J. E. Swain of North Carolina, A. D. Williams of West Virginia, and Harry Shaw of Pittsburgh be a Committee of lawyers to act on the Committee of Colleges to safeguard our Educational Institutions. The motion was lost.

J. C. Williams, President, submitted a report for Westminster College of Texas. On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Colleges.

A. G. Steele, President, reported for West Lafayette College. On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Colleges.

H. L. Elderdice, President, reported for Westminster Theolog-

laymen to take under advisement the above resolution and submit a report thereon.

The Committee on Pulpit Supply made the following report which was adopted.

**PARTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PULPIT SUPPLY
FOR MAY 21, 1916.**

Central Presbyterian—Morning, Rev. A. G. Dixon, High Point, N. C.; Evening, Rev. H. J. Hescott, Flint, Mich.

Moxahala Ave. M. E.—Morning, Rev. F. J. Baylis, Georgetown, Del.; Evening, Rev. F. W. Perkins, D. D., New Brighton, Pa.

Euclid Ave. M. E.—Morning, Rev. J. Franklin Bryan, Baltimore, Md.

Brighton Presbyterian—Morning, Rev. F. A. Perry, D. D., Adrian, Mich.; Evening, Rev. U. W. Morrison, D. D., Clarksburg, W. Va.

Union Baptist, Colored—Morning, Rev. W. H. Betz, New London, Ia.; Evening, Rev. Josiah Payne, Jane Lew, Va.

Trinity M. E.—Evening, Rev. T. O. Crouse, D. D., Denton, Md.

New Church of Christ—Evening, Rev. C. S. Kidd, Brooklyn, N. Y.

First Congregational—Morning, Rev. M. M. Campbell, D. D., Cincinnati, Ohio; Evening, Rev. A. R. Corn, Indianapolis, Ind.

African M. E.—Morning, Rev. J. O. Ledbetter, D. D., Muncie, Ind.; Evening, Rev. E. S. Hawkins, Bellevue, Pa.

Signed GEORGE G. SHURTZ, Chairman.

S. W. ROSENBERGER.

J. W. HAWLEY, Secretary.

The following resolution was offered and adopted: Resolved, That we appreciate the willingness of the press to give more or less full reports of the proceedings of this General Conference, but that we sorely regret and condemn the grossly misleading headlines on "Church Union" which appeared in a local paper of this date.

Signed G. W. HADDAWAY,
J. C. BROOMFIELD.

F. T. Tagg of Maryland was given the privilege of making a statement relative to the attitude of the Methodist Protestant Church on the question of Church Union.

The following resolution was offered: Resolved, That a Committee on Ritual be added to the list of Standing Committees, to whom shall be referred all resolutions bearing upon the amendment of the Ritual and who shall be instructed to revise our forms in the interest of brevity, simplicity and grammatical correctness.

Signed C. D. SINKINSON,
C. S. JOHNSON,
F. W. PERKINS.

On motion of J. C. Broomfield of Pittsburgh, the resolution was amended, requiring the Committee to turn over its work to the Committee on Revision. When completed the resolution was adopted as amended.

On motion, the Conference took Recess till 1:30 P. M. Benediction by A. Norman Ward of Maryland.

SECOND DAY, MAY 20, 1916.

Afternoon Session.

Conference convened at 1:30 o'clock. Devotional Services were conducted by W. W. Lineberry of Indiana.

In the absence of the President, W. W. Lineberry of Indiana, was called to the Chair.

Sabbath—A. G. Dixon, C. I. Kelley, B. A. Thompson, J. M. Reynolds, C. M. Towns, E. W. Swan, C. A. Lawson.
Auditing—J. N. Holt, Charles A. Braun, A. C. Rodgers.
Statistics—R. P. Hudnall, G. H. Snyder, W. N. Anderson, E. A. Palmer, A. C. Ruff, V. W. Idol.
Journals—J. J. Phillips, N. G. Bethea, J. W. Safford.
Finance—J. F. McCulloch, J. P. Turkelson, B. M. Mitchell, J. F. Howe, Harry Shaw, W. E. Sankey.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES ORDERED BY THE CONFERENCE.

Program—C. H. Beck, J. F. McCulloch, F. A. Perry.
Pulpit Services—G. G. Shurtz, S. W. Rosenberger, J. W. Hawley.
Courtesies—J. C. Broomfield, C. D. Sinkinson.
Publicity Agents—F. C. Klein, J. H. Straughn, R. E. Games.
Credentials—Geo. H. Miller, U. W. Morrison, T. L. Garrison, T. P. Fisher, A. T. Merriman.

On motion the President was instructed to appoint a Committee on Applied Christianity and Moral Reform.

Daniel Baker, of Maryland, was granted leave to speak on the Forward Movement, suggesting that we take up work, if possible, in South America, and moved that the Committee on Foreign Missions be asked to consider the advisability of taking up such work in South American countries.

On motion the Conference adjourned until Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Benediction was pronounced by J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh.

THIRD DAY, MAY 22, 1916.

Morning Session.

Conference convened at 9:00 o'clock. Devotional Services were conducted by J. E. Butler of Texas. The roll was called. Minutes of Saturday's session were read, corrected and approved.

On motion of Daniel Baker, of Maryland, the Committee on Education was instructed to handle all educational matters.

H. L. Elderdice, of Maryland, reported for the joint-commission from the Methodist Episcopal Church, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Methodist Protestant Church, appointed to settle the question of the origin of American Methodism.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to publish the Report of the Commission in the Minutes of the Conference as to the findings of this committee.

F. T. Tagg, F. T. Little, of Maryland, D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, A. L. Reynolds, of Ohio, Daniel Baker, of Maryland, spoke to the question.

On motion of J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, the name of Daniel Baker, of Maryland, was announced as donor of the published reports of this commission.

Committee on Fraternal Relations introduced J. F. Bryan, J. A. Dudley, J. R. Wright, of Maryland, who, on motion were invited to seats within the bar.

F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, moved that this Conference accept the findings of the joint-commission, appointed to determine the origin of American Methodism.

The order of the day, the Report of the Board of Publication, having arrived, C. E. Sheppard, President, reported for the Board.

ical Seminary. On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Theological Seminaries.

J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, was given permission to explain that J. H. Lucas, Chancellor of Kansas City University, was not responsible for the acute financial situation in which Kansas City University had been placed. The President announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

- Theological Seminary**—J. H. Straughn, George H. Miller, R. E. Games, J. C. Broomfield, H. J. Hescott, C. S. Kidd, T. A. Murray, Dr. G. W. Gallagher, A. M. Rankin, A. D. Williams, Geo. W. Burford.
- Forward Movement**—C. S. Johnson, C. D. Sinkinson, J. H. Straughn, F. T. Little, W. W. Lineberry, C. J. Nutt, T. A. Hunter, E. A. Palmer, Dr. G. W. Gallagher.
- Foreign Missions**—George H. Miller, J. M. Gill, Roby F. Day, S. W. Taylor, M. F. Iliff, W. C. Conner, C. R. Green, E. S. Hawkins, Robert Rawsthorne, Jr., M. D. Thrush, S. D. Oldaker, E. R. Vincent, C. J. Yingling, George Dexter.
- Revision**—C. D. Sinkinson, E. D. Beck, J. S. Bowers, A. N. Ward, D. S. Stephens, U. W. Morrison, A. G. Dixon, W. W. Lineberry, C. J. Nutt, T. L. Garrison, A. D. Williams, Harry Shaw, Ely D. Miller, J. F. Cappel, T. A. Hunter, Dr. E. B. Fenby, J. F. Howe, Ira Champion, J. E. Swain, C. A. Cecil.
- Judiciary**—J. M. Sheridan, J. F. McCulloch, F. T. Tagg, G. W. Haddaway, M. R. Stover, D. C. Coburn, W. R. Graham, F. W. Perkins, J. P. Morgan, Daniel Baker, J. E. Cunningham, J. W. Knott, S. R. Harris, Dr. E. C. Chandler, J. E. Peterson.
- Publication**—F. W. Varney, F. H. Lewis, F. C. Klein, F. A. Perry, T. M. Johnson, J. O. Ledbetter, J. H. Elliott, A. N. Fell, H. A. Garrett, C. A. White, Horace Link.
- Education**—C. S. Johnson, F. H. Lewis, L. F. Warner, F. W. Varney, A. L. Reynolds, J. H. Straughn, E. T. Howe, C. E. Forlines, H. A. Sicker, C. A. Braun, T. P. Fisher, M. L. Abbott, A. M. Rankin, B. S. Jennings, A. E. Leary.
- Home Missions**—J. C. Broomfield, C. E. Sheppard, S. W. Rosenberger, H. L. Elderdice, R. M. Andrews, W. C. Harger, B. A. Brooks, S. H. Lynch, J. E. Butler, A. T. Merriman, J. P. Dodge, G. T. Goff, J. H. Watkins, L. L. McKinney, A. M. Kopf, A. W. Stewart, J. E. Curry.
- Ritual**—H. L. Elderdice, C. D. Sinkinson, F. A. Perry, E. S. Hawkins, E. D. Beck.
- Boundaries**—W. W. Lineberry, B. A. Brooks, J. G. Reed, C. M. Lippincott, J. I. Day, W. H. Betz, M. F. Llewellyn, F. S. Phelps, H. A. Rowand, W. E. Shepherd, S. W. Jackson.
- Fraternal Relations**—D. S. Stephens, R. P. Hudnall, J. J. Phillips, C. E. Sheppard, C. D. Sinkinson, W. E. Shepherd, M. L. Abbott, F. A. Lamphier.
- Christianity and Social Service (Applied Christianity)**—A. L. Reynolds, T. O. Crouse, G. W. Haddaway, George R. Brown, C. L. Whittaker, A. J. Green, C. W. Bates, E. L. Mansfield, W. W. Smith, F. M. Wilson, Stanley Whittaker, A. R. Lewis.
- Temperance**—M. M. Campbell, James McCord, R. H. Watson, W. H. Hart, J. Bibb Mills, F. T. Risley.
- Sunday Schools**—G. W. Holmes, W. H. Betz, P. W. Boxell, E. M. Mouser, Josiah Payne, J. N. Warfield, J. M. Hartley, J. T. Norris, Miss Myra Hume.
- Young People's Work**—F. T. Benson, E. D. Stone, J. W. Hawley, R. E. Games, I. A. Brice, N. P. Williams, J. H. Harrison, Jr., V. W. Idol, H. E. Amos.

C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, offered a Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

S. W. Taylor, of North Carolina, offered a Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

On motion Conference took recess until 2:00 o'clock this afternoon.

C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY, MONDAY, MAY 22.

Afternoon Session.

Conference convened at 2 o'clock. Devotional services were conducted by J. C. Broomfield of Pittsburgh. F. A. Perry, of Michigan, led in prayer.

C. L. Whittaker, of North Carolina, offered a memorial from the North Carolina Conference, asking this General Conference to revise certain items of law. The memorial was referred to the Committee on Revision.

A. G. Dixon, of North Carolina, offered a memorial from the Woman's Board of Home Missions, asking this Conference to consolidate the Women's Boards of Missions. On motion, this memorial was referred to the Committee on Revision.

On motion of Robert Rawsthorne, Jr., of Pittsburgh, the Secretary was instructed to post a list of the Committees on the Bulletin Board.

J. W. Hawley, of Pittsburgh, offered a paper suggesting a number of changes in the Discipline. On motion, the paper was referred to the Committee on Revision.

Daniel Baker, of Maryland, offered a resolution requesting the First Church Corporation, of Pittsburgh, to use a part of its income for establishing missionary work in South America. D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, F. H. Lewis, J. C. Broomfield, C. A. Braun, all of Pittsburgh, F. C. Klein, of Maryland, J. O. Ledbetter, of Indiana, C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, spoke to the resolution. On motion of J. M. Sheridan, of Maryland, the resolution was referred back to Mr. Baker for alteration.

The order of the day, the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Consolidation of the General Interests of the Church, having arrived, the report was submitted by the Secretary of the Committee. On motion of D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, the report was considered item by item. Item (1) adopted. Item (2) referred to the Committee on Home Missions and to the Committee on Foreign Missions. Item (3) was read. M. R. Stover, of Ohio, moved that the Publishing Interests be consolidated. A motion was made that the whole matter of the consolidation of the Publishing Interests be referred back to the Committee with instructions to report in four years. W. J. Trefz, a member of the Committee, arising to a question of personal privilege, gave some reasons why the Committee reported this item. J. M. Sheridan, of Maryland, offered the following resolution as a substitute for item three (3):

RESOLVED, That item three of this report be referred to a Committee of fifteen persons, the members of the present Committee being members of this Committee, who shall give careful consideration to this question and submit a plan of consolidation to the next session of the General Conference, if in its judgment, such consolidation is deemed to be wise and practicable. (Signed) J. M. Sheridan, J. M. Gill, Fred C. Klein. The resolution was discussed at great length. In the midst of the discussion, J. H. Straughn, of Maryland, arose to point of order, calling attention to the rule per-

On motion of Daniel Baker, of Maryland, the bar of the Conference was changed so as to include eight seats from the pulpit.

On motion of F. T. Little, the Report of the Board of Publication was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

The Secretary of the Conference moved that the President be authorized to appoint a special committee to determine what disposition should be made of the balance in the hands of the Board of Publication for this General Conference.

On motion of J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, this motion was made the special order for 3:00 o'clock today.

T. O. Crouse, of Maryland, submitted a paper, which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

The following Resolution was submitted by Ira Champion, of Alabama, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Temperance, with instructions to report at an early date:

WHEREAS, upon a memorial from the Legislature of Alabama, there has been introduced by Hon. John H. Bankhead in the United States Senate, and by Hon. J. W. Abercrombie, Congressman-at-large from Alabama, into the House, a bill for the purpose of denying the use of the Federal mails to liquor circulars, pamphlets, and other advertising matter, when addressed into territory where it is contrary to law to advertise or solicit orders for intoxicating liquors. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this General Conference hereby indorse said Abercrombie-Bankhead Bill, and urge upon the Senate and the House of Representatives that it be speedily enacted into law, to the end that a beneficent agent of the Government be not employed as a means to be used by outside liquor dealers in violating valid state laws and in seeking to break down a wholesome state policy.

Signed IRA CHAMPION,
A. C. ROGERS.

W. W. Lineberry, of Indiana, submitted Resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on Revision.

F. C. Klein, of Maryland, moved that a committee be appointed to take special collection for the sexton of the church. The motion prevailed.

Daniel Baker, of Maryland, offered a Resolution, pending the discussion of which, the order of the day, report from the Children's Home at High Point, North Carolina, was called.

On motion, the order of the day was postponed until the Resolution offered by Mr. Baker, was disposed of.

On motion of J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, the discussion of the Resolution offered by Mr. Baker was made the order of the day immediately following the order already set for 3:00 o'clock today.

A. M. Rankin, of North Carolina, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home, submitted a report. H. A. Garrett, of North Carolina, Superintendent of the Children's Home, R. M. Andrews, J. C. Broomfield, H. J. Hescott, A. G. Dixon, spoke to the question.

On motion of W. W. Lineberry, of Indiana, the President was authorized to appoint a special committee of three, who shall take into consideration all the matters relating to the Children's Home at High Point, N. C., and submit a report thereon.

J. J. Phillips, of West Virginia, offered a Resolution, which, on motion of F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, was referred to a committee composed of one representative from each annual conference represented in this General Conference, representative to be selected by each conference delegation.

Earl Cranston, Senior Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and expressing his regrets at being unable to attend this session of the Conference and deliver fraternal greetings.

Benediction by Dr. Henry.

FOURTH DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1916.

Morning Session.

Conference convened at 9:00 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by U. W. Morrison, of West Virginia. Prayer by W. R. Graham, of Maryland.

The roll was called. On motion, A. M. Kopf, of Iowa, was excused from further attendance on the sessions of this Conference, he having been called home on account of sickness.

The Minutes were read, corrected and adopted.

A resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home, High Point, North Carolina, was offered by J. M. Milliken and A. M. Rankin and was referred to the Committee on Children's Home.

The following telegram was received and read to the Conference:

Baltimore, Md. May 22, 1916.

Rev. Lyman E. Davis, D. D.,
Methodist Protestant Conference,
Zanesville, Ohio.

Dear Sir and Brother:—Greetings. At the regular morning session of Emanuel Bible Class of Hamden M. P. Church, at which there were 429 men assembled to study the Word of God, send to the Conference there, most cordial greeting and ask for blessing on the deliberation of the Conference.

Your brother in Christ,
A. C. Ford, President of Emanuel Class.

The Secretary of the Conference was authorized to respond to the telegram of Greetings from the Emanuel Bible Class of Hampden M. P. Church, of Baltimore.

The order of the day having arrived, on motion of G. H. Miller of Muskingum, the order was suspended to hear the report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Mrs. D. S. Stephens, Corresponding Secretary, submitted the report for the Woman's Missionary Society, for the quadrennium. On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations, introduced the following persons to the Conference: A. P. Powellson, D. D., of Tacoma, Wash., Dr. J. B. Watson, of West Virginia, R. C. Dean, of Muskingum, C. A. Isner, of West Virginia, J. Sala Leland, of Pittsburgh, A. R. Corn, and Mrs. A. R. Corn, of Indiana, C. S. Heininger, of China, H. E. Orwick, of Ohio, Mrs. D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, Mrs. C. E. Wilbur, of Pittsburgh, Mrs. Martin L. Jennings, of Muskingum, S. T. Allen, of Muskingum, Mrs. Jane A. Gordon, of Pittsburgh, Mrs. W. C. Perkins, of Maryland, Mrs. A. G. Dixon, of North Carolina, O. V. Sharrock, of Muskingum.

The President announced E. D. Miller, as the Committee to solicit contributions for the sexton of this church.

The order of the day, the disposition of the surplus in the hands of the Board of Publication, was called. C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, moved that the report be referred to the Committee on Forward Movement. Daniel Baker, of Maryland, moved as a substitute,

mitting a member to speak but once on the question and not longer than ten minutes without special leave of the Conference.

J. Bibb Mills, of Maryland, called for the previous question. The call was sustained and the main question being put, the resolution was adopted.

Item four (4) adopted.

Item five (5) reported to the Committee on Education.

Item six (6) referred to the Committee on Forward Movements.

Item seven (7) referred to the Committee on Forward Movements.

Item eight (8) referred to the Committee on Forward Movements.

On motion of F. C. Klein, of Maryland, the Committees on Home Missions and Foreign Missions were instructed to meet together to consider item two (2) of this report, which had been referred to these Committees. The report as amended, was adopted.

J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, moved that this Conference go on record as favoring the consolidation of the Publishing Interests of the church. J. F. McCulloch, of North Carolina, E. D. Beck, of Muskingum, F. T. Little, of Maryland, H. J. Hescott, of Michigan, C. A. Braun, of Pittsburgh, E. B. Fenby, J. H. Straughn, J. M. Gill, T. P. Fisher, all of Maryland, C. E. Forlines, of North Carolina, E. S. Hawkins, of Pittsburgh, M. F. Iliff, of Indiana, J. P. Morgan, of Alabama, S. R. Harris, of North Carolina, and A. G. Dixon, of North Carolina, spoke to the motion. The motion was carried.

The President announced the special Committee on Children's Home, J. C. Broomfield, A. N. Ward, C. J. Yingling.

J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, moved that the expenses incurred by the meeting of the Committee on consolidation of the Publishing Interests of the Denomination, be paid by the Board of Publication. Carried.

The order of the day, the consideration of the disposition of the funds from the Board of Publication, having arrived, on motion the special orders not considered were made the special order for 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The following is the Committee appointed to consider the resolution offered, authorizing the President of the General Conference to travel: J. P. Morgan, Alabama, S. G. Rutledge, Arkansas, B. A. Thompson, Fort Smith, S. W. Jackson, Georgia, F. A. Lamphier, Indiana, J. E. Peterson, Iowa, A. E. Leary, Kansas, E. M. Mouser, Louisiana, Daniel Baker, Maryland, W. C. Harger, Michigan, James McCord, Missouri, E. C. Chandler, Muskingum, J. W. Safford, Eastern, G. W. Holmes, North Carolina, Miss Myra Hume, North Missouri, J. G. Reed, North Illinois, M. R. Stover, Ohio, I. A. Brice, Onondaga, D. S. Stephens, Oklahoma, J. C. Broomfield, Pittsburgh, J. I. Day, South Illinois, C. I. Kelley, Tennessee, T. L. Garrison, Texas, W. N. Anderson, Kentucky, A. D. Williams, West Virginia.

On motion, Conference adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Benediction by J. F. McCulloch, of North Carolina.

THIRD DAY.

Evening Session.

Conference convened at 7:30. M. M. Campbell, of Ohio, presiding. Song Service was conducted by C. M. Elderdice, of Pittsburgh; prayer by A. L. Reynolds, of Ohio.

An address was delivered by Rev. George A. Henry, assistant general superintendent of the National Anti-Saloon League. Before beginning his address Dr. Henry presented greetings from Bishop

The special order of the day, the consideration of the resolution offered by Daniel Baker, of Maryland, proposing that members of the various Boards be elected in open conference, was called.

On motion of H. J. Hescott, of Michigan, the resolution was tabled indefinitely.

The order of the day having arrived, Dr. H. C. Tucker, spoke at some length concerning the work of The American Bible Society.

G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, offered a resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations introduced the following persons to the conference: Mrs. E. C. Chandler, President of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society; Mrs. E. H. Van Dyke, of Japan; Miss Anna L. Forest, Traveling Secretary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society; D. G. Jackson, of Muskingum; D. L. Custis and F. W. Obee, of Ohio.

On motion Mrs. E. C. Chandler, of Muskingum, spoke of the work being done by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

A letter from Rev. W. M. Strayer, in response to the telegram of congratulations sent him on yesterday, was received and read to the Conference. The Conference sang

"Together let us sweetly live,
Together let us die,
And each a starry crown receive,
And reign above the sky."

J. H. Straughn submitted the report of the Committee on Theological Seminary. H. L. Elderdice, President of Theological Seminary, delivered a living argument in favor of the work being done, and the following graduates of the institution constituted the argument: F. T. Benson, of Maryland; E. H. Van Dyke, of Japan; G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland; F. H. Lewis, of Pittsburgh; T. M. Johnson, of North Carolina; Roby F. Day, of Eastern; A. G. Dixon, of North Carolina; C. E. Forlines, of North Carolina; C. S. Kidd, of Eastern; J. H. Straughn, of Maryland; S. W. Rosenberger, of Muskingum; A. F. Hess, President of Adrian College; B. M. Mitchell, of West Virginia; S. W. Taylor, of North Carolina; L. E. Oldaker, of West Virginia; C. W. Bates, of North Carolina; J. L. Nichols, of Maryland; W. L. Morton, of Eastern; C. M. Elderdice, of Maryland; C. S. Heininger, of China; F. L. Brown, of Muskingum; W. H. Maier, of Muskingum; J. R. Wright, of Maryland; G. G. Shurtz, of Muskingum; A. R. Corn, of Indiana; J. A. Dudley, of Maryland; C. J. Kerlin, of Indiana; C. J. Morton, of Muskingum; W. E. Grove, of Muskingum; H. E. Orwick, of Ohio; D. L. Custis, of Ohio; F. W. Obee, of Ohio; J. F. Bryan, of Maryland.

All the gentlemen named in this list down to and including C. W. Bates, are members of this General Conference.

On motion of A. E. Leary, of Kansas, the Secretary of the Conference was instructed to send a telegram of sympathy and condolence to T. H. Slater of Eastern Conference on the death of his daughter.

Report of the Committee on Theological Seminary was adopted.

C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, offered a resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Ritual.

W. H. Betz, of Iowa, offered a paper proposing certain changes in the Discipline, which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

J. F. McCulloch, of North Carolina, offered a resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Forward Movement. A. D. Williams, of West Virginia, offered a resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

that this surplus be turned over to Westminster College, of Texas. J. H. Straughn, of Maryland, spoke advocating the investment of this surplus in better Sunday School literature for the Denomination. E. C. Chandler, of Muskingum, T. A. Murray, of Maryland, F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, E. D. Miller, of Michigan, A. D. Williams, of West Virginia, Harry Shaw, of Pittsburgh, T. L. Garrison, of Texas, and J. C. Williams, President of Westminster College, Texas, advocated using this surplus for establishing a sustentation fund for superannuates. The Secretary of the Conference advocated devoting this fund to Home Missions. The Secretary of the Conference, on a question of personal privilege, insisted that the Board of Home Missions must put more money into Texas and the Southwest to enable the Church to take care of the young men who were being graduated from our Educational Institutions. With the consent of the Conference, Daniel Baker withdrew his motion to devote this fund to Westminster College. C. S. Johnson, with the consent of the Conference, withdrew his motion to refer the matter to the Committee on Forward Movement. On motion, the General Conference consented to the withdrawal of these motions. At this juncture, J. M. Gill, of Maryland, proposed that because of the magnificent spirit manifested by our Brethren of the Southwest, we proceed at once to raise a fund of \$1,000 for Westminster College, Tehuacana, Texas. In a few moments \$2,005.00 were raised in cash and pledges.

The following resolution was offered: Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by this General Conference to take the necessary steps toward the formation of a General Superannuated Fund Society, to be under the care and control of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and that ways and means be suggested by this Committee for an enthusiastic campaign throughout the Methodist Protestant Church, for raising funds for this cause.

(Signed) A. N. WARD.
G. W. HADDAWAY.

D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, A. G. Dixon, of North Carolina, J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, J. P. Morgan, of Alabama, J. M. Gill, of Maryland, and G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, spoke to the resolution.

On motion, the resolution offered by A. N. Ward, of Maryland, was adopted.

J. H. Lucas, President of the Pittsburgh Directory, made a statement explaining the report of the Board of Publication. On motion, the report of the Board of Publication was adopted.

On motion, Conference adjourned till 2 P. M.

Benediction by J. M. Gill, of Maryland.

FOURTH DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1916.

Afternoon Session.

Conference convened at 2:00 o'clock. Song Service was conducted by E. D. Stone, of Maryland.

On motion of Daniel Baker, of Maryland, the subscriptions taken this morning for Westminster College are to be sent to J. C. Williams, President of the institution, Tehuacana, Texas.

On the motion of the Secretary of the Conference, Dr. H. C. Tucker, representing The American Bible Society, be heard immediately following the order of the day.

FIFTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1916.**Morning Session.**

Conference convened at 9:00 o'clock. Devotional services were conducted by B. A. Brooks, of Kansas.

On motion of F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, the Roll Call was dispensed with. The Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

On motion of J. F. McCulloch, of North Carolina, the rules were changed so as to permit the Conference to meet at 8:30 in the morning instead of 9:00 o'clock.

The Committee on Education submitted a partial report, recommending the creation of a Board of Education. D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, moved to consider the report, item by item. The motion was lost.

On motion of F. W. Perkins, of Pittsburgh, the order of the day was postponed until the partial report of the Committee on Education could be disposed of.

D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, moved to amend the report so that if the Board of Education decided to merge two or more institutions, it would be necessary for it to secure the consent of the Boards of Trustees, and where such Boards of Trustees do not concur in the recommendation of the Board of Education to merge, that the Board of Education report the matter to the succeeding General Conference for final action. On motion of G. H. Miller, of Muskingum, the report was held in abeyance until the motion by the representative from Maryland is disposed of. Daniel Baker, of Maryland, moved that the Board of Ministerial Education be continued with its present functions. J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, T. L. Garrison, of Texas, J. E. Swain, of North Carolina, C. M. Lippincott, of Pittsburgh, J. E. Cunningham, of West Virginia, George H. Miller, of Muskingum, F. A. Perry, of Michigan, D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, H. L. Elderdice, of Maryland, C. R. Green, of North Missouri, E. S. Hawkins, of Pittsburgh, spoke to the motion.

The Secretary of the Conference asked the unanimous consent of the Conference for Mr. J. C. Brehmer, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, to make a statement concerning the Outing to be given the members of the General Conference on tomorrow. After Mr. Brehmer had spoken, it was announced that we would leave the church at 1:30 o'clock, tomorrow afternoon, on the tour of the industrial plants of the city.

The motion of Daniel Baker, of Maryland, to continue the Board of Ministerial Education with its present functions was lost by a vote of 98 to 43. A motion to have partial report of Committee on Education read was lost. A. L. Reynolds of Ohio, J. P. Turkelson, of West Virginia and C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum spoke to the question. C. E. Forlines, of North Carolina, moved to amend the amendment so that the authority of the Board of Education should in no way conflict with the Boards of Trustees of the several Educational Institutions. S. W. Taylor, of North Carolina, offered the following amendment: "Except where the Charter or other legal aspects make such merger impossible."

After a number of the brethren had discussed the question, C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, moved to lay the amendment to the amendment on the table. The amendment to the amendment was tabled by a vote of 70 to 59. C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, moved that the amendment be laid on the table, which was done by a vote of 70 to 63. S. R. Harris, of North Carolina, moved an amendment providing that this section of the report shall not apply to Yadkin

C. M. Lippincott, of Pittsburgh, offered a resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

The Committee on Children's Home submitted a report.

H. J. Hescott, of Michigan, R. M. Andrews, of North Carolina, G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, W. C. Harger, of Michigan, J. M. Gill, of Maryland, A. G. Dixon, of North Carolina, W. W. Lineberry, of Indiana, spoke to the report.

C. E. Forlines, of North Carolina, moved that all of that portion of the report referring to a freewill offering from the Sunday Schools be stricken out, and the assessment increased to \$5,000.

J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, S. W. Taylor, of North Carolina, A. J. Hescott, of Michigan, S. R. Harris, of North Carolina, Daniel Baker, of Maryland, spoke to the amendment.

By consent of the General Conference the amendment was withdrawn, and the report was adopted as submitted.

The following resolution was adopted: "Whereas, The Devotional Services of this Conference are an important part of our sessions, and not a mere incident in our work, therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That all other matters of whatever nature be suspended during the devotional services, and that all members of the Conference so far as possible, attend these services.

Signed A. G. DIXON,
U. W. MORRISON,
JAMES H. STRAUGHN."

A resolution offered by G. H. Miller and A. D. Williams was referred to the Committee on Forward Movement.

The Committee on Home Missions, through its Secretary, B. A. Brooks, submitted a partial report. J. P. Turkelson, of West Virginia, J. M. Sheridan, of Maryland, M. M. Campbell of Ohio and the Secretary of the Conference spoke to the report. Questions were asked by several representatives relative to Section II of the report, which were satisfactorily answered by the Secretary of the Board.

On motion of F. T. Little, the report was amended by striking out the word "insist" in Section V and inserting the word "urge."

The partial report was adopted as amended.

On motion of J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, the Secretary of the Conference was ordered to call the roll of committees at the close of each session that announcements may be made.

On motion the Conference adjourned.

Benediction by C. E. Shepherd, of Muskingum.

MAY 23, 1916.

Evening Session.

Conference convened at 7:30, F. C. Klein, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, presiding. Prayer by C. M. Lippincott, of Pittsburgh and J. C. Williams, President of Westminster College, Texas.

Addresses were delivered by E. H. Van Dyke, of Japan, C. S. Heininger, of China, Leigh Layman, of Pittsburgh, Miss Anna L. Forest, Field Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and F. C. Klein, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Benediction by E. H. Van Dyke.

was declared unanimously elected editor of the Sunday School Publications for the ensuing quadrennium.

George H. Miller, of Muskingum, nominated Charles H. Beck for Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions. The nomination was seconded by a number of representatives. On motion of George R. Brown, J. Bibb Mills, of Maryland, was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the Conference for C. H. Beck for Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions. The ballot was cast, and C. H. Beck was declared unanimously elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, for the ensuing quadrennium.

H. L. Elderdice, of Maryland, nominated Fred C. Klein for Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions. On motion of C. J. Nutt, of Iowa, the Secretary of the Conference was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the Conference for the election of Fred C. Klein as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions. The ballot was cast, and Fred C. Klein was declared unanimously elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions for the ensuing quadrennium.

A. G. Dixon, of North Carolina, nominated F. T. Tagg for Secretary of the Board of Education. The nomination was seconded by a number of representatives. C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, nominated George H. Miller for Secretary of the Board of Education. The nomination was seconded by a number of representatives. James McCord, of Missouri nominated J. C. Williams for Secretary of the Board of Education. F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, on a question of personal privilege, stated to the Conference that he was not a candidate for any position; that he was not asking for a position now, and that he had never sought office since he had been a member of the Methodist Protestant Church. On motion of J. Bibb Mills, of Maryland, the time was extended indefinitely. On motion of W. W. Lineberry, of Indiana, the nominations were closed and the Conference proceeded to ballot.

At this juncture, J. C. Williams, President of Westminster College, Texas, asked permission to withdraw his name as a candidate for Secretary of the Board of Education.

The ballot was taken, and on motion the tellers were permitted to retire to count the ballot.

G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, nominated Harlan L. Feeman, Professor in Westminster Theological Seminary, for Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Young People's Work. The nomination received several seconds. J. H. Straughn, of Maryland, moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for the election of Harlan L. Feeman as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Young People's Work. The ballot was cast, and Harlan L. Feeman was declared unanimously elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Young People's Work for the ensuing quadrennium.

J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, nominated F. W. Pierpont for Publishing Agent of the Pittsburgh Directory. A number of representatives seconded the nomination. C. A. Braun, of Pittsburgh, nominated J. Sala Leland for Publishing Agent of the Pittsburgh Directory. A number of representatives seconded Dr. Leland's nomination.

At this juncture, the tellers reported the result of the ballot for Secretary of Education. The ballot was as follows: Total votes 137; necessary to a choice, 69. F. T. Tagg received 66, Geo. H. Miller received 67; J. C. Williams received one; George H. Williams received, one; F. A. Perry, one; blank, one. The chair announced that there was no election.

The Conference proceeded to ballot for Publishing Agent of the Pittsburgh Directory. On motion the tellers retired to count the ballot.

College Institute, Denton High School, in North Carolina, or to Western Maryland College and Westminster Theological Seminary in Maryland. The motion was ruled out of order.

Pending the adoption of the report, the Conference adjourned till 2 o'clock, with the benediction.

FIFTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1916.

Afternoon Session.

The conference convened on time. Devotional Exercises were conducted by J. P. Morgan, of Alabama.

E. D. Miller, of Michigan, moved that when we adjourn we adjourn at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon and convene again at 6:00 o'clock, and that the address to be delivered this evening at 7:30 o'clock on Education be limited to thirty minutes. The motion carried.

The order of the day, the consideration of the partial report of the Committee on Education, having arrived, Daniel Baker, of Maryland, suggested a compromise as follows: That the Board of Ministerial Education be continued, and that Dr. Tagg be made Secretary-Treasurer, and that a Secretary of Education be elected to travel in the interest of the educational institutions west of the Alleghenies.

The order of the day having arrived for hearing Fraternal Messengers, Rev. James W. Lee, D. D., of St. Louis, Missouri, representing the Episcopal Church, South, was introduced and addressed the Conference. President Davis responded to the address of Dr. Lee in a very happy manner.

The regular order was resumed. The partial report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted.

On motion of G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, the conference proceeded to the election of general agents, editors, and publishers. The following tellers were appointed: J. Bibb Mills, of Maryland, W. W. Lineberry, of Indiana, and J. E. Butler, of Texas.

C. M. Lippincott, of Pittsburgh, nominated Lyman E. Davis for editor of the Methodist Recorder. This nomination was seconded, and G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, moved that the Secretary of the Conference cast the ballot for Lyman E. Davis for editor of the Methodist Recorder. The ballot was cast, and Lyman E. Davis was declared unanimously elected editor of the Methodist Recorder for the ensuing quadrennium.

J. S. Bowers, of Maryland, nominated F. T. Benson for editor of the Methodist Protestant. The nomination was seconded by a number of brethren. E. C. Chandler, of Muskingum, moved that the Secretary of the Conference cast the unanimous vote of the Conference for F. T. Benson for editor of the Methodist Protestant. The ballot was cast and F. T. Benson was declared unanimously elected editor of the Methodist Protestant for the ensuing quadrennium.

F. T. Tagg, retiring editor of the Methodist Protestant, addressed the Conference.

E. S. Hawkins, of Pittsburgh, nominated C. E. Wilbur for editor of our Sunday School publications. The nomination was seconded by a number of representatives. J. H. Straughn, of Maryland, moved that the Secretary of the Conference cast the unanimous ballot for the Conference for C. E. Wilbur for editor of our Sunday School publications. The ballot was cast, and C. E. Wilbur

the spread of the Gospel in the lands south of the United States. That on request at this meeting the ministers of Trinity and First Church be invited to be present.

Signed DANIEL BAKER.

Daniel Baker was excused for the remainder of the session.

J. Bibb Mills, of Maryland, made a report for the Committee on Temperance. After a number of representatives had spoken to the report, it was adopted by a rising vote.

E. T. Howe, of Indiana, offered a resolution which was referred to the Committee on Ritual.

C. D. Sinkinson, of Eastern, offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the salaries of all Editors, Agents, Secretaries, and others in the general work of our church, be left to the judgment of the Boards under whose direction they are employed.

Signed C. D. SINKINSON,
F. W. VARNEY,
C. S. KIDD,
ROBY F. DAY.

J. F. McCulloch, of North Carolina, moved that the salaries of the Agents be not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$1,800. George R. Brown offered as an amendment that the salaries be not less than \$1,200 nor more than \$2,000. By common consent, the resolution offered by C. D. Sinkinson, of Eastern, was withdrawn until tomorrow morning.

J. E. Swain, of North Carolina, was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance submitted its report through A. G. Dixon, Secretary. On motion the report was adopted.

A. D. Williams, of West Virginia was excused for the remainder of the session.

It was the order of the day for 8:00 o'clock to hold an Educational Rally, with an address by Rev. Aubrey F. Hess, Ph. D., D. D. The Rally was in charge of the Committee on Education.

The order of the day having arrived, chairman of the Committee was called to the chair.

An address was delivered by A. F. Hess, President of Adrian College, on the subject of Education.

Following this address conference business was resumed with the President of the Conference in the chair.

On motion of C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, the Conference adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8:30.

The Benediction was pronounced by F. C. Klein.

SIXTH DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1916.

Morning Session.

Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock. Devotional Exercises were conducted by H. J. Hescott, of Michigan.

On motion of S. H. Lynch, of Alabama, roll call was dispensed with. The minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

J. F. McCulloch, of North Carolina, offered a paper and moved its adoption. F. T. Little, of Maryland, moved as substitute that the paper be referred to Committee on Revision. Carried.

Ira Champion, of Alabama, offered a paper, which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The Conference took recess for supper.

Benediction by G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland.

Conference re-assembled at 6:00 o'clock.

Tellers reported the result of the ballot for the election of Publishing Agent of the Pittsburgh Directory. The result was as follows: Total number of votes cast, 138; necessary to a choice, 70; F. W. Pierpont received 108; J. Sala Leland received 29; S. M. Johnson received one. The chair announced that F. W. Pierpont, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Publishing Agent of the Pittsburgh Directory for the ensuing quadrennium.

A second ballot was taken for Secretary of the Board of Education, and on motion the tellers were permitted to retire to count the ballot.

F. T. Little, of Maryland, nominated Charles Reiner, Jr., for Publishing Agent of the Baltimore Book Concern. U. W. Morrison of West Virginia, moved that the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for the election of Charles Reiner, Jr. for Publishing Agent of the Baltimore Book Concern. The ballot was cast, and Charles Reiner, Jr. was declared unanimously elected Publishing Agent of the Baltimore Book Concern for the ensuing quadrennium.

Brother Reiner was introduced to the Conference, and after a brief address sang a solo most effectively.

The tellers reported the result of the second ballot for Secretary of the Board of Education as follows: Total number of votes cast 125; necessary to a choice, 63. F. T. Tagg received 59; Geo. H. Miller received 66. The chair announced that George H. Miller, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Secretary of the Board of Education for the ensuing quadrennium.

F. T. Tagg congratulated Dr. Miller on his election, and asked that the election be made unanimous. A. G. Dixon, of North Carolina, moved that Dr. Miller's election be made unanimous, which was seconded by T. A. Murray, of Maryland. The motion was put and the election made unanimous.

F. W. Perkins moved to make the election of Mr. Pierpont, Publishing Agent of the Pittsburgh Directory unanimous. The motion prevailed, and the election of F. W. Pierpont for Publishing Agent at Pittsburgh was made unanimous.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1916.

Evening Session.

R. E. Games, of Ohio, made a partial report for the Committee on Young People's Work.

G. W. Haddaway, of Maryland, moved to amend item 3 so as to give Conference Presidents an advisory relationship to the Board. C. M. Lippincott, of Pittsburgh, moved as a substitute, that the word ex-officio be stricken from item 3. The substitute was adopted. The report as amended was adopted and referred to the Committee on Revision.

Daniel Baker, of Maryland, submitted the following resolution which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That a Committee of four be appointed to present the request of this General Conference now made to the Trustees of First Church, Pittsburgh, that they will as promptly as possible start in conjunction with our Board of Foreign Missions, a work for

The President announced the following committee to develop plans for Denominational Preachers' Aid Society:

Ministers.

J. S. Bowers
C. S. Johnson
C. D. Sinkinson
E. S. Hawkins
M. R. Stover
J. J. Phillips
W. W. Lineberry
T. L. Garrison
C. E. Sheppard

Laymen.

Harry Shaw
T. A. Murray
E. C. Chandler
S. R. Harris
Ely D. Miller
A. C. Ruff
J. E. Peterson

On motion Conference adjourned to meet at 6:30 o'clock.
Benediction by M. F. Iliff, of Indiana.

SIXTH DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1916.

Evening Session.

Conference convened at 6:30 o'clock. Committee on Fraternal Relations presented Miss Donna Schlegelmilch, returned missionary from Japan, and Dr. C. S. MacFarland, General Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. On motion they were invited to seats in the bar.

J. J. Phillips, of West Virginia, submitted a report of the Committee on Journals. The report was adopted.

Roby F. Day submitted a report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. After considerable discussion, H. J. Hescott, of Michigan, moved that the report be re-committed, with instructions to refer it to the Executive Committee. The chair ruled the motion out of order.

F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, offered an amendment relative to the life and works of Mrs. Mary A. Miller, which was to be known as Item 8 of the report. The amendment was adopted. The report as amended was adopted.

On motion of F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, it was decided to have a conference session immediately after the distinguished Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America has spoken this evening.

Conference took recess.

Charles Reiner, Jr., Publishing Agent of our Book Concern at Baltimore, gave a delightful musical recital.

A letter of greetings was read from our conference in Japan. E. H. Van Dyke spoke briefly about the work of the Japan Conference.

The President introduced Dr. Charles S. MacFarland, who spoke at some length of the work being done by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

Dr. W. V. Kelley, of New York, editor of the "Methodist Review," and the fraternal messenger from the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced to the Conference, and it was announced that Dr. Kelley would speak to the Conference at 10:00 o'clock tomorrow.

Benediction by Dr. W. V. Kelley, of New York. Conference re-assembled. On motion, the Conference adjourned till 8:30 tomorrow morning. Benediction by J. M. Sheridan, of Maryland.

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C. E. Forlines, of North Carolina, offered a paper, which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

The Auditing Committee submitted its report, which, on motion, was adopted.

E. T. Howe, of Indiana, offered a paper which was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

C. M. Lippincott, of Pittsburgh, moved that the Committee on Education be requested to make nominations for the Board of Education. Carried.

T. L. Garrison, of Texas, moved that all matters intended for the Committee on Revision be submitted before noon today. Carried.

The Report of the Committee on Christianity and Social Service was submitted by C. W. Bates, Secretary of the Committee. On motion the report was adopted.

N. G. Bethea, of North Carolina, was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

H. L. Elderdice submitted the report of the Committee on Ritual. After some discussion the report was recommitted with instructions.

The Secretary of the Conference moved that when the Committee on Ritual meet that announcement of the fact be made to the Conference in order that all who have suggestions to offer for change in the Ritual be given an opportunity to appear before the Committee. Carried.

J. C. Broomfield, of Pittsburgh, offered a majority report of the Committee on Travelling Presidency.

J. E. Peterson, of Iowa, submitted a minority report on Travelling Presidency, and moved the adoption of the report.

Pending the discussion of the question the Committee on Fraternal Relations introduced Bishop G. M. Mathews, of the United Brethren Church, and Dr. W. R. Funk, Publishing Agent of the United Brethren Church, to the Conference.

On motion these brethren were invited to address the Conference.

Prof. A. P. Powellson, of Tacoma, Washington, was given time to give a brief sketch of the organization of Methodism in the Muskingum Valley.

The President of the Conference and F. T. Tagg of Maryland responded to the addresses of the fraternal messenger from the United Brethren Church.

At the suggestion of President Davis the members of the Conference arose and sang one stanza of "Blest be the tie that binds."

The discussion of the minority report of the Committee on Travelling Presidency was resumed. After the report had been discussed at length, F. T. Tagg, of Maryland, moved that the majority report be substituted for the minority report. Carried.

On motion, the majority report, as substituted, was adopted.

Ira Champion, of Alabama, submitted a paper, which was referred to the Committee on Revision.

Stanley Whitaker, of North Carolina, was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The resolution which C. D. Sinkinson of Eastern, had withdrawn at the afternoon session on yesterday referring to the salaries of Editors, Agents and Secretaries, was re-submitted, the question recurring on the amendment to the amendment to the report. After a number of representatives had spoken to the question, the amendments were withdrawn, and the original resolution adopted. The paper as adopted was referred to the Committee on Revision.

The joint committee on Home and Foreign Missions submitted a report, which was adopted.

The General Conference
of
The Methodist Episcopal Church.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
May 20, 1916.

To the President and Members of the General Conference of the
Methodist Protestant Church.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Pursuant to the action of our General Conference held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 1912, the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church have designated the Rev. William J. Kelley, Doctor of Divinity, and Doctor of Laws, as the Fraternal Messenger to your body.

Dr. Kelley, an honored member of the New York East Conference, has occupied important pulpits in Buffalo, Philadelphia, and Brooklyn, but since 1893 has rendered still more conspicuous service as Editor of "The Methodist Review". From the thousands of our ministers no one could have been chosen more greatly honored and loved. A student of our history already written, and keenly observant of our present day world-wide activities, Dr. Kelley, will speak to you as one who knows the story of Methodism as it has been and is, but likewise as one who has caught the vision of the greater Methodism which is to be.

The world torn and rent brings new problems before us, problems too great for merely human diplomacy. The needs of that world in its disappointment and agony today and the opportunity for the church of Christ which must come with the establishment of peace, together constitute the greatest challenge to faith and love which Christianity in all the centuries has known. The sense of responsibility for the answer to the world's deep need, and in the improvement of the opportunity before the church has been the dominant conviction, of our General Conference throughout the present session. Never before has there seemed so much imperative and insistent demand for that league defensive and offensive of which our great founder dreamed.

It has been our pleasure to welcome during the past week your own distinguished fraternal representative, the Rev. Lyman E. Davis, Doctor of Divinity, the President of your General Conference, and to hear with interest and profit his inspiring utterances.

Still further to strengthen the bonds of unity, we are sending to you one of the Princes of our Israel, this lover of all things lovely.

We beg you to interpret his coming to you as the strongest possible expression of the love we bear you, and of our prayerful wish for your continued and increasing success.

I have the honor to remain,
By order and in behalf of the Bishops of the
Methodist Episcopal Church,

Cordially,
(Signed) L. B. WILSON, Secretary.

Rev. William V. Kelley, Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Laws, Fraternal Messenger from the Methodist Episcopal Church, was presented to the Conference and delivered an inspiring fraternal address. The President responded to the address. The congregation joined in singing "My Jesus I Love Thee". In a few well chosen words Dr. Kelley took his leave of the Conference.

The Conference resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Forward Movement. On motion of the Secretary, the report was taken up item by item.

SEVENTH DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1916.

Morning Session.

Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock. Devotional services were conducted by W. H. Betz, of Iowa. H. J. Hescott, of Michigan, led in prayer.

On motion of A. L. Reynolds, of Ohio, Roll Call was dispensed with.

Minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

The following resolution was adopted:

To the General Conference now in session:

At the General Conference held in Baltimore in 1912, there were in attendance at that session, two special representatives of this denomination, namely: Dr. M. L. Jennings, Editor of the "Methodist Recorder" and Dr. C. H. Hubbell, Secretary of the Board of Young People's work, who since that time have passed to their reward. There were also present D. G. Helmick, of West Virginia, one of our commissioners on Church Union, W. W. Tapp, of West Virginia, a member of the Board of Ministerial Education and J. Allen Holt, of North Carolina. Therefore, Be it resolved: That this Conference elect F. T. Tagg to draft proper resolutions to be printed in the Journal of this session as a slight recognition of their excellent service to this church, and also as a matter of record.

(Signed) ELY D. MILLER.
G. W. HADDAWAY.
C. A. BRAUN.

A resolution was offered by A. E. Leary, of Kansas, endorsing a generous retirement policy to provide for superannuated employees of the Federal Government, which was adopted.

The Committee on Publication submitted its report. After considerable discussion the report was adopted.

The Committee on Ritual submitted its report which on motion was adopted. The President appointed the following Committee on Ritual: H. L. Elderdice, C. D. Sinkinson, F. A. Perry, E. S. Hawkins, E. D. Beck.

F. T. Little, of Maryland, offered the following resolution which was adopted. Resolved, That it is the clear conviction of this General Conference, that every member of the Methodist Protestant Church ought to be a subscriber to one or both of the official organs of the church. Especially is this true of the ministers and the officials of the church.

(Signed) F. T. LITTLE.
D. S. STEPHENS.

The Committee to suggest plans for a sustentation Fund for ministers of the denomination submitted its report. On motion the report was adopted. The President appointed the members of this Committee to be the Standing Committee on the Sustentation Fund. The following comprise the Committee: Ministers, J. S. Bowers, C. S. Johnson, C. D. Sinkinson, E. S. Hawkins, M. R. Stover, J. J. Phillips, W. W. Lineberry, T. L. Garrison, C. E. Sheppard; Laymen, Harry Shaw, T. A. Murray, E. C. Chandler, S. R. Harris, E. D. Miller, A. C. Ruff, J. E. Peterson.

The Committee on Forward Movement submitted their report. Pending the discussion of the report, the order of the day having arrived, the hearing of Fraternal Messengers, the following letter was read from the Secretary of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church now in session at Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

said that as the new editor of the Methodist Protestant he would do all that he could to advance the interests of the Forward Movements Campaign.

The Committee on Revision submitted a partial report. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 were adopted. Overture #1 was adopted. Overture #2 amended by adding "Presidents of the Brotherhoods." The overture was adopted as amended. Overture #3 adopted.

The partial report of the Committee on Revision was then adopted as amended.

F. T. Little, of Maryland, was elected to edit the Discipline.

F. C. Klein, of Baltimore, offered the following resolution: In grateful appreciation of the self-sacrificing labors of our ministers who have been called to their eternal reward, and in order to perpetuate their memory and their achievements, under God, therefore, be it

RESOLVED—1. That each Annual Conference be directed to have the Quarterly Conferences of its local churches appoint a committee to locate the grave of every Methodist Protestant minister in its locality, and to provide for its proper and perpetual care.

2. That the first Sunday in June be designated Pastors Memorial Day on which occasion suitable exercises, including an address, shall be held, and the Christian flag and flowers be placed on all the graves.

(Signed)

Fred C. Klein, Maryland.

R. M. Andrews, North Carolina.

F. A. Perry, Michigan.

M. R. Stover, Ohio.

B. A. Brooks, Kansas.

F. W. Varney, Eastern.

J. P. Turkelson, West Virginia.

C. J. Nutt, Iowa.

J. P. Morgan, Alabama.

J. E. Butler, Texas.

E. M. Mouser, Louisiana.

S. G. Rutledge, Arkansas.

C. I. Kelley, Tennessee.

J. O. Ledbetter, Indiana.

C. E. Sheppard, Muskingum.

Alden J. Green, N. Illinois.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations submitted a report. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Sunday Schools submitted its report and on motion the report was adopted.

The Committee on Revision made its final report, which on motion, was adopted.

The special Committee to revise the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society submitted its report. On motion the report was adopted.

The Committee on Education made a report. On motion the report was considered item by item. Item 1 adopted. Item 2 adopted. Item 3 amended so as to give the Executive Committee of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, authority to nominate the members of the Board of Trustees of Kansas City University, annually. Amendment carried. The item as amended was adopted. Item 4 adopted. Item 5 was read. The Secretary of the Conference moved as a substitute that we concur in this request and recommend that this Conference grant the petition of the Board of Trustees of West Lafayette College. By request, A. F. Hess, of Adrian College, spoke to the question. The reading of the resolution was called for.

RESOLUTION.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees of The West Lafayette College, at a called meeting held February 18, 1916.

At this juncture the Committee on Fraternal Relations introduced the following persons to the Conference: Rev. K. B. Alexander, pastor of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. R. C. Stimel, pastor of the Moxahala Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. W. T. Blume, pastor of the Euclid Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, all of Zanesville, and on motion they were invited to seats within the Bar.

The consideration of the report on Forward Movements was resumed. Item 1 amended to read 25 % instead of 20 %. The item as amended was adopted. Item 2 adopted. Item 3 adopted. Item 4 adopted. Item 5 adopted.

On motion the time of adjournment was extended till 12:30 o'clock.

Item 6 of the report was read. J. H. Straughn, of Maryland, moved to refer this item of the report to the Executive Committee with power to act. Pending the discussion of the motion, Conference adjourned till 1:30 o'clock. Benediction by H. L. Elderdice.

SEVENTH DAY, MAY 26, 1916.

Afternoon Session.

Conference convened at 1:30 o'clock. Devotional services were conducted by C. J. Nutt, of Iowa. H. L. Elderdice, of Maryland, led in a season of brief prayer.

E. T. Howe, of Indiana, was excused for the remainder of the session.

T. M. Johnson, of North Carolina, moved that when the report of the Committee on Forward Movements is disposed of, the report of the Committee on Revision be taken up. Carried.

The consideration of Item 6 of the Report of the Committee on Forward Movements was resumed.

E. M. Mouser and A. W. Stewart, of Louisiana, were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Committee on Forward Movements was permitted to amend its report. George R. Brown, of West Virginia, moved that this item does not apply to our Book Directories. The amendment was lost. The item as amended was adopted. Item 7 was read. D. S. Stephens, of Oklahoma, offered the following amendment: Provided that no machinery shall be established or life action entered upon that does not come within the general principles outlined by the General Conference. The amendment was lost. Item 7 was adopted. The syllabus suggesting a plan of operation was read, discussed and adopted.

T. L. Garrison, of Texas, on a question of personal privilege expressed his personal appreciation and that of the brethren in the Southwest for the kindly spirit manifested by the members of this Conference toward the work of the Church in that section.

The Report of the Committee on Forward Movements as amended, was adopted. J. H. Straughn, of Maryland, nominated C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, as Executive Secretary of the Commission on Forward Movements. A. L. Reynolds, of Ohio, moved that the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for C. S. Johnson as Executive Secretary of the Commission on Forward Movements. The Secretary cast the ballot and C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, was declared elected Executive Secretary of the Commission on Forward Movements for the ensuing quadrennium.

F. T. Benson, of Maryland, on a question of personal privilege

the property and debts at West Lafayette College to the Board of Education.

Item 6 of the report on Education was adopted. On motion, the report as amended, was adopted.

The Committee on Young People's Work submitted its report, which on motion was adopted.

The President appointed the following Committees: Commission on Christianity and Social Progress: A. L. Reynolds, T. O. Crouse, Geo. R. Brown, C. R. Green and W. E. Grove. Committee on Constitution of Woman's Home Missionary Society: C. E. Forlines, A. L. Reynolds.

The Committee on Home Missions submitted a report, which on motion was adopted.

The Committee on Theological Seminary reported the substitution of the name of C. E. Sheppard, of Muskingum, on the Board of Governors in place of G. H. Miller, of Muskingum, who had been elected Secretary of the Board of Education.

The Committee on Boundaries submitted a report, which on motion was adopted.

A. L. Reynolds, of Ohio, offered the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That all expenses incurred by the President of the General Conference, in discharge of his official duties shall be paid by the Treasurer of the General Conference upon the approval of the same by the Executive Committee.

(Signed) A. L. REYNOLDS.
A. G. DIXON.

The Judiciary Committee submitted a report, which on motion was adopted.

On motion of C. E. Forlines, of North Carolina, the Secretary-Treasurer of the General Conference was authorized to pay Charles H. Beck \$50.00 for his services as Secretary of the Conference.

The Committee on Statistics submitted a report, which on motion was adopted.

On motion of F. A. Perry, of Michigan, the Conference proceeded to the election of the Executive Committee. By common consent, the President appointed D. S. Stephens, S. W. Rosenberger, J. W. Hawley, Dr. E. B. Fenby and E. A. Palmer, a Committee to nominate members of the Executive Committee.

On motion of C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, the election of a General Treasurer for all the Boards, was left to the Executive Committee.

E. D. Miller, of Michigan, moved that this Conference recommend that representatives of West Lafayette College meet with the Trustees of Adrian College, at its next meeting.

The following resolution was adopted:

In view of the fact that the year 1917 marks the Ter-Centenary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation under Martin Luther, be it

RESOLVED, That the President of the General Conference be authorized to appoint a Committee of five to plan for the celebration of that event.

(signed) C. W. BATES.
J. F. McCULLOCH.

The Committee on nomination of members for the Executive Committee submitted a report, which on motion was recommitted.

W. C. Harger, of Michigan, offered the following resolution, which on motion was adopted:

Be it resolved, That the Secretary of this Conference be requested to notify every Annual Conference of the denomination

WHEREAS, The West Lafayette College was incorporated by the Board of Trustees elected by the Muskingum Annual Conference for that purpose in the year 1900; and

WHEREAS, The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in session in the City of Washington, D. C., in the year 1904, did give official recognition to said West Lafayette College, as one of the Official Colleges of the Methodist Protestant denomination, leaving the matter of election of the Board of Trustees and the direct control of the College to the Muskingum Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, First, That we respectfully petition the said General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church to take full charge of the West Lafayette College, elect a Board of Trustees to have control of the details of operation, outline a policy for the conduct of said College, and perform such other acts as shall be deemed necessary in the premises.

Second, That the following persons, who compose the entire Board of Trustees of West Lafayette College, hereby tender their resignations as such trustees, to be in effect at the option of the said General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, whenever said Conference shall grant the petition noted in our first resolution: C. H. Beck, H. W. Maier, S. A. Stowe, F. L. Brown, J. C. Miskimen, R. D. Sheppard, C. E. Sheppard, Eli Palmer, A. H. Loos, H. M. Peebles, J. B. Watson, E. J. Larrick, M. L. Shields, H. E. Amos, J. C. Fisher, H. A. Sicker, J. F. Cappel, A. N. Fell, D. C. Coburn.

This Board should be composed of twenty-one members, but there are two vacancies. The resignation of the nineteen members of the Board are submitted herewith.

Signed by order of the Board of Trustees of the West Lafayette College, this 18th day of February, 1916.

(Signed) JOHN F. CAPPEL, President.

CHARLES H. BECK, Secretary.

Conference adjourned to meet at 6:30.

SEVENTH DAY, MAY 26, 1916.

Evening Session.

Conference re-assembled at 6:30 o'clock. R. P. Hudnall, of Muskingum, conducted the devotional service.

The consideration of item 5 of the report of the Committee on Education was resumed. The substitute offered by Secretary Beck was withdrawn, with the consent of the Conference. C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, offered the following as a substitute for item 5: Resolved, That we accept the proposition of the Board of Trustees of West Lafayette College, and agree to assume control of the affairs of the institution, and that the interests of West Lafayette College be transferred to Adrian College.

(Signed) C. S. JOHNSON.

W. W. LINEBERRY.

W. W. Lineberry, of Indiana, moved as an amendment to refer West Lafayette College to the Board of Education with instructions to close up its affairs and transfer its assets to Adrian College. The motion was lost. The resolution offered by C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, was adopted.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations introduced J. T. Bair, of Cambridge, Ohio, to the Conference.

On motion of C. S. Johnson, of Muskingum, the details of the merger of West Lafayette and Adrian Colleges were referred to the Trustees of the two institutions and the Board of Education; and

Boundaries—W. W. Lineberry, B. A. Brooks, J. G. Reed, C. M. Lippincott, J. I. Day, W. H. Betz, M. F. Llewellyn, F. S. Phelps, H. A. Rowand, W. E. Sheppard, S. W. Jackson.

Fraternal Relations—D. S. Stephens, R. P. Hudnall, J. J. Phillips, C. E. Sheppard, C. D. Sinkinson, W. E. Sheppard, M. L. Abbott, F. A. Lamphier.

Christianity and Social Service (Applied Christianity)—A. L. Reynolds, T. O. Crouse, G. W. Haddaway, George R. Brown, C. L. Whittaker, A. J. Green, C. W. Bates, E. L. Mansfield, W. W. Smith, F. M. Wilson, Stanley Whittaker, A. R. Lewis.

Temperance—M. M. Campbell, James McCord, R. H. M. Watson, W. H. Hart, J. Bibb Mills, F. T. Risley.

Sunday Schools—G. W. Holmes, W. H. Betz, P. W. Boxell, E. M. Mouser, Josiah Payne, J. N. Warfield, J. M. Hartley, J. T. Norris, Miss Myra Hume.

Young People's Work—F. T. Benson, E. D. Stone, J. W. Hawley, R. E. Games, I. A. Brice, N. P. Williams, J. H. Harrison, Jr., V. W. Idol, H. E. Amos.

Sabbath—A. G. Dixon, C. I. Kelley, B. A. Thompson, J. M. Reynolds, C. M. Towns, E. W. Swan, C. A. Lawson.

Auditing—J. N. Holt, Charles A. Braun, A. C. Rodgers.

Statistics—R. P. Hudnall, G. H. Snyder, W. N. Anderson, E. A. Palmer, A. C. Ruff, V. W. Idol.

Journals—J. J. Phillips, N. G. Bethea, J. W. Safford.

Finance—J. F. McCulloch, J. P. Turkelson, B. M. Mitchell, J. F. Howe, Harry Shaw, W. E. Sankey.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Program—C. H. Beck, J. F. McCulloch, F. A. Perry.

Pulpit Services—G. G. Shurtz, S. W. Rosenberger, J. W. Hawley.

Courtesies—J. C. Broomfield, C. D. Sinkinson.

Publicity Agents—F. C. Klein, J. H. Straughn, R. E. Games.

Travelling Presidency—J. P. Morgan, S. G. Rutledge, B. A. Thompson, S. W. Jackson, F. A. Lamphier, J. E. Peterson, A. E. Leary, E. M. Mouser, Daniel Baker, W. C. Harger, James McCord, E. C. Chandler, J. W. Safford, G. W. Holmes, Myra Hume, J. G. Reed, M. R. Stover, I. A. Brice, D. S. Stephens, J. C. Broomfield, J. I. Day, C. I. Kelley, T. L. Garrison, W. N. Anderson, A. D. Williams.

Denominational Superannuated Preacher's Aid Society—J. S. Bowers, C. S. Johnson, C. D. Sinkinson, E. S. Hawkins, M. R. Stover, J. J. Phillips, W. W. Lineberry, T. L. Garrison, C. E. Sheppard, Harry Shaw, T. A. Murray, E. C. Chandler, S. R. Harris, Ely D. Miller, A. C. Ruff, J. E. Peterson.

Constitution W. B. H. M.—C. E. Forlines, A. L. Reynolds.

Commission on Forward Movements—J. C. Broomfield, C. D. Sinkinson, J. M. Gill, W. W. Lineberry, J. Norman Wills, Levi Custis, J. F. Cappel.

Commission on Consolidation of Publishing Interests—J. M. Sheridan, F. A. Perry, G. W. Haddaway, J. H. Lucas, C. S. Johnson, C. A. Cecil, M. R. Stover, F. W. Varney, T. A. Hunter, M. L. Abbott, C. A. Braun, J. F. Howe, E. A. Palmer, A. L. Poundstone, W. J. Trefz.

Commission on Christianity and Social Service—A. L. Reynolds, T. O. Crouse, Geo. R. Brown, C. R. Green, W. E. Grove.

that every representative elected to the General Conference shall promise to stay until the adjournment, unless excused for some good reason.

(Signed) W. C. HARGER.
A. G. DIXON.

The Committee on nominations of members for the Executive Committee submitted the following report: L. E. Davis, T. H. Lewis, T. M. Johnson, Roby F. Day, T. E. Hodges, Ely D. Miller, F. C. Chambers. The report was received. The Secretary of the Conference was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the election of the parties named as members of the Executive Committee, for the ensuing four years. The Secretary cast the ballot, and they were declared elected.

The Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

On motion the Conference adjourned, with prayer by President Davis.

LYMAN E. DAVIS, President.
CHARLES H. BECK, Secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Theological Seminary—J. H. Straughn, George H. Miller, R. E. Games, J. C. Broomfield, H. J. Hescott, C. S. Kidd, T. A. Murray, Dr. G. W. Gallagher, A. M. Rankin, A. D. Williams, Geo. W. Burford.

Forward Movements—C.S. Johnson, C.D. Sinkinson, J.H. Straughn, F. T. Little, W. W. Lineberry, C. J. Nutt, T. A. Hunter, E. A. Palmer, Dr. G. W. Gallagher.

Foreign Missions—George H. Miller, J. M. Gill, Roby F. Day, S. W. Taylor, M. F. Iliff, W. C. Conner, C. R. Green, E. S. Hawkins, Robert Rawsthorne, Jr., M. D. Thrush, S. D. Oldaker, E. R. Vincent, C. J. Yingling, George Dexter.

Revision—C. D. Sinkinson, E. D. Beck, J. S. Bowers, A. N. Ward, D. S. Stephens, U. W. Morrison, A. G. Dixon, W. W. Lineberry, C. J. Nutt, T. L. Garrison, A. D. Williams, Harry Shaw, Ely D. Miller, J. F. Cappel, T. A. Hunter, Dr. E. B. Fenby, J. F. Howe, Ira Champion, J. E. Swain, C. A. Cecil.

Judiciary—J. M. Sheridan, J. F. McCulloch, F. T. Tagg, G. W. Haddaway, M. R. Stover, D. C. Coburn, W. R. Graham, F. W. Perkins, J. P. Morgan, Daniel Baker, J. E. Cunningham, J. W. Knott, S. R. Harris, Dr. E. C. Chandler, J. E. Peterson.

Publication—F. W. Varney, F. H. Lewis, F. C. Klein, F. A. Perry, T. M. Garrison, J. O. Ledbetter, J. H. Elliott, A. N. Fell, H. A. Garrett, C. A. White, Horace Link.

Education—C. S. Johnson, F. H. Lewis, L. F. Warner, F. W. Varney, A. L. Reynolds, J. H. Straughn, E. T. Howe, C. E. Forlines, H. A. Sicker, C. A. Braun, T. P. Fisher, M. L. Abbott, A. M. Rankin, B. S. Jennings, A. E. Leary.

Home Missions—J. C. Broomfield, C. E. Sheppard, S. W. Rosenberger, H. L. Elderdice, R. M. Andrews, W. C. Harger, B. A. Brooks, S. H. Lynch, J. E. Butler, A. T. Merriman, J. P. Dodge, G. T. Goff, J. H. Watkins, L. L. McKinney, A. M. Kopf, A. W. Stewart.

Ritual—H. L. Elderdice, C. D. Sinkinson, F. A. Perry, E. S. Hawkins, E. D. Beck.

arranged, and the first two shall be taken without debate, and a motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

13. Every member within the bar shall vote on all questions submitted to the action of the Conference, unless excused for sufficient reason.

14. No personalities shall be allowed in debate, nor improper reflection upon any religious denomination.

15. All reports of committees, when read by their respective chairmen, shall be regarded as the property of the Conference, and subject to its action.

16. Any motion to reconsider shall be made by some member who voted with the majority, and shall require a majority of the members present to sustain it; nor shall a motion to reconsider be entertained, if made later than the second day after the original action is had, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of any subject under consideration. No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in a previous speech, except in regular debate, unless a member requests it; but any member so called upon to explain shall have the right to decline any explanation.

18. The President shall administer the rules rigidly and impartially. He shall promptly suppress unseemly demonstrations, such as stamping, clapping of hands and conversation, or other behavior which obstructs the business of the Conference.

19. Persons not members having business with the Conference shall present their business to the appropriate committees, who may, in their discretion, recommend that the persons applying be heard by the Conference, or the committee itself may bring the business, if deemed of sufficient importance, to the notice of the Conference.

20. No one shall be constituted an honorary member; but persons duly presented to the President by the Committee on Fraternal Relations shall be presented to the Conference at the convenience of the President, and may be invited to a seat within the bar, and, by vote, may be permitted to address the Conference on any specified subject.

Order of Business.

1. Call to order.
2. Devotional service.
3. Roll call.
4. Reading minutes.
5. Presentation and reference of papers.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Roll call of Committees for reports.
8. Incidental business.
9. Committee announcements.

RULES OF ORDER

1. The Conference shall be opened at the appointed hour with religious services, under the direction of the President, or in his absence, under that of the Secretary.

2. After the religious exercises of each session, the roll shall be called by the Secretary, and the minutes of the previous session read and approved.

3. When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall arise and address the Chair as "Mr. President," and then pause until he is recognized by the Chair, as follows: "The representative from ____." The President in putting a question shall do it standing.

4. Any motion made and seconded, except a motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, a call for the previous question, for the yeas and nays, and for a division of the house, shall be handed to the Chair when required by the Secretary, signed by the mover and second, and be read by the Secretary before any debate is had thereon.

5. No interruption shall be suffered while a member is on the floor, but by a call to order by the Chair or some other member of the Conference. In such cases, the member making the call shall state the ground on which he makes it, and the member supposed to be out of order shall have an opportunity to explain. All questions of order shall be decided by the President, agreeably to the rules of the Conference; provided, however, that any member may, by obtaining a second, appeal to the Conference from the decision of the Chair; but the question thereon shall be taken without debate, after the member has stated his ground of appeal and after the President has stated his reason for the decision.

6. No member shall speak more than once on the same question, nor longer than ten minutes, without special leave from the Conference, and he shall confine himself strictly to the subject under discussion, provided, however, that the chairman of a committee and the member presenting an original paper shall be entitled to make a second speech.

7. All motions or resolutions shall, at the request of any member, be divided when the sense will admit of such division.

8. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, it shall be determined by the President which of them is entitled to the floor.

9. The appointment of all committees shall be by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

10. The number of which any committee shall be composed shall be determined by the Conference, the question being taken on the highest number first, and so on until the conference shall determine the number.

11. Upon a call for the previous question, if made by five members and sustained by two-thirds of those voting, the question shall be put without debate. But it shall not be in order for a speaker to move the previous question at the close of his own speech.

12. When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to commit, amend or postpone, which several motions have precedence in the order they stand

shut out from the world-wide blessings of Nature or the world-wide truths of God, because of this personal revelation? On the contrary let us believe the stars of the heavens shone all the brighter to the old patriarch because of his vision, and the eternal verities of the Kingdom of God were all the larger to him.

And this comforting logic applies with peculiar force to the true Methodist Protestant of the world. Being lovers of liberty, and having caught a clearer vision of the Kingdom of God because of their love of liberty, they enter into the largest possible heritage of the Gospel of the Son of God. Yes, to Methodist Protestant eyes, because of this very principle or mutual rights the summit of Mount Calvary should rise a little higher in the landscape of our theology and the Holy Bible should stand out a little clearer above the books, and we should behold with clearer vision "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

Our fathers also bequeathed to us, as a perpetual legacy, the inheritance of liberty. And while we must so combine freedom and efficiency as to realize the progressive development of the Methodist Protestant Church, we must hold fast forever the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free.

The mission of our church is not circumscribed or limited by the territory we occupy, nor by the numbers enrolled in the membership of our churches. Our greatest mission has been fulfilled, and must continue to be fulfilled through the pervading influence of the liberty we enjoy.

Our position among the churches of the world, in this respect, corresponds with that of Switzerland among the nations of Europe. The little republic, from its mountain heights, looks forth with triumphant independence upon the greatest monarchies of the world. So sacred to all the world, indeed, has become the very memories of the heroic struggle of Switzerland, that even the people of the neighboring kingdoms and empires would not have the sturdy little republic absorbed in their own arbitrary system.

All the world recognizes the reflex influence of Switzerland upon the surrounding governments of Europe; and all the world would have her remain in her mountain seat a perpetual example to other peoples, and a perpetual warning against every possible tyranny.

So let the Methodist Protestant Church, ecclesiastical Switzerland of the Kingdom of God, perpetuate religious liberty just as Switzerland has perpetuated civil liberty; and let us, above all, rejoice that our Founders, and their succeeding generations, have without doubt, greatly modified monarchical form of church government in the United States, and have determined in this respect the destiny of millions of fellow believers.

The present crisis in the history of the world is such as to appeal to our loyalty in behalf of this great principle of religious liberty.

The world-wide war, by which the nations are being desolated, is especially destroying the democratic multitudes of the nations. At the beginning of the war there were many who predicted that revolution would result, and that Kings and Rulers would be overthrown, and popular government established in their place. But the awful truth is that the democratic millions of Europe are being slain on the battle-field. The lovers of liberty are being swept away. And every day the peoples of Europe are becoming weaker and weaker and their Kings and Rulers are becoming stronger; and at the end of this war such will be the pride of kings and such will be the power of the sword that the liberties of the world will be in the gravest danger.

Parallel with the current of this war there is a reactionary

QUADRENNIAL ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Progressive Future of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—

Four years have passed away, and we are still living together, contented, prosperous and happy, in the good old homestead inherited from the fathers, while over the portals of our every sanctuary, written by the hand of liberty in the heroic long ago, still shines that honorable name, the Methodist Protestant Church! And although we have entered into certain negotiations for church union, and in explicit obedience to the command of the General Conference, and even into certain agreements, we have constantly made plain to all the Christian world, and must forever continue to make plain, that we will never surrender any of the larger units of value in our ecclesiastical manor; that we will never part with the seed-principles of our polity; that we will especially guard and cherish those family jewels which are known in the sacred archives of our history as the mutual rights of the ministry and the laity! And if any processionary is formed at any time, moving in any direction, which does not make room for the rights and liberties bequeathed to us by the fathers, then we will do this:—we will stay at home with our rights and our liberties, transmitting them unto our children and our children's children, even a thousand years and more!

Our own duty at this important moment is therefore very plain. Having recorded our covenant-mutual, having completed the circuit of our own procedure, having driven our stakes at the corners, and fixed the bounds of our agreements to the line and to the plummet, there is nothing more in the field of church union to engage our immediate attention or to worry our hearts. I have all confidence in the sincerity of those who have negotiated with us, and I appreciate, with comprehending sympathy, the obstacles that lie in the converging paths of the church union; paths which are for the most part still unopened, and the course of which leads through uncharted regions.

But I thank God with a glad heart today that our denominational record on this subject is such that we stand before the Christian world in an attitude of equal independence and honor; and whether the union is finally consummated or finally unrealized, our present duty, here and now, is that of devoting ourselves, a living sacrifice, to the progressive future of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The Progressive Future of the Methodist Protestant Church calls first of all for the preservation of our great Legacy. What is our legacy? It is first of all the legacy of the ages! Too many of our people seem to imagine that, because we have been given the precious vineyard of mutual rights, we are therefore shut out, in some mysterious manner, from the universal heritage of Israel? On the other hand, let us remember that our peculiar blessings are gates of privilege to the largest things of the Kingdom of God. If you acquire a farm on the public highway, you do not thereby relinquish your right to the highway itself. Your acreage of ownership, however small or great, gives you a firmer hold upon all the roads that run upon all the highways that traverse the earth! This cumulative result of special blessings applies to the religious realm. Jacob had his ladder of angels, and all the millions of earth were deprived of this peculiar blessing. But think you that Jacob was

but the vital energy of the Spirit of God that determines final results for the Kingdom. Therefore the future of the Methodist Protestant Church does not turn so much upon what we do here in Zanesville today, but what you shall do, you and your people, when you have returned to your own conference, to your own charge, and to your own altars. And this leads me to speak of the second important way by which we can fulfill our opportunity as a denomination.

We can increase, if we will, the number of the various units of influence and power; and the one supreme unit of our denomination is that of the congregation, led and directed by the pastor himself. The Methodist Protestant Church has increased during the last four years to a most encouraging degree; and we have grown not only in numbers, but in the progress of our institutions. If 500 of our churches would only put forth the energy which has been displayed by at least 50 of them, during the past few years, then our membership would be increased greatly in the next quadrennium.

Let me say that we need, above all else, a sympathetic union of the stronger and weaker conferences. We need to remember Paul's injunction: "Bear ye one anothers burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." They that are strong must bear the infirmities of the weak and not please themselves. This should apply especially to the various individual churches of our denomination in America. If the stronger churches of the East, and the North, could be led to adopt as their own foster-children, the weaker mission churches of the West and the South, we should then exhibit to the world the most beautiful example of denominational zeal, and we should also hasten the conquest of the whole empire of opportunity which God has given to us.

But I must not weary you. Four years have passed away, and they have been years of toil and anxiety; yet the joy of service has greatly enriched them to my heart. In the midst of our many problems, whatever the experience of the passing moment, I have never committed the personal equation to shadow the broad issues of the hour, save only that I have sincerely loved and cherished every one of my co-laborers in the work of the Church. And I assure you that I have been impartial, not alone in my judgment but in my very heart. And as for "Mason's and Dixon's Line", if there is any such lingering imagination anywhere, I tell you that I have lived so far above it that I have never even thought of it. There has been for me neither North nor South, but one great high fellowship of the equal heritage of the Kingdom of God.

In the City of Paris years ago there was a mid-night banquet. Three men of different nations were there, all of whom were heroes of great and successful achievement. And each one of these was asked: "What is the key of your success in life?" One was a Rothschild from London and he answered: "Rothschild Brothers is always Rothschild Brothers; we have no separate interests." One was from Holland, and he replied: "We have a saying in Holland that if one arm of the dyke gives way our whole country is submerged; but as long as every arm of the dyke is linked with every other arm, we can defy old ocean itself." The third man was an American, and he said nothing in reply to the question; but opening his watch and holding it up in the light of the banquet hall he displayed the one simple word engraved thereon, the motto of his firm, the word "Together."

Let us as Methodist Protestants forever walk together and work together and we shall then realize our ideals and fulfill our mission in the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

LYMAN E. DAVIS.

movement among the churches of Christendom, and the tendency of our times is once again toward the upbuilding of a hierarchy, both in church and state.

It is, therefore, supremely important that every republic in the political world, and every republic in the religious world, should hold its banners high and march with firm feet and heroic hearts to the work of preserving this glorious legacy of liberty, which has come to us through the sacrificial devotion of the greatest of the sons of men in all ages.

There is a three-fold way by which the Methodist Protestants of America can realize and fulfill their splendid opportunities. First of all they can do this by the progressive development of the administrative machinery of the church. The book of Discipline is simply an agency in the work of the church, and yet a very important one. And while we have the best polity in the world, yet there are many points of revision in the Discipline which will greatly simplify, strengthen this manual and make it an authoritative deliverance to the church. It is important to remove the ambiguities of the Discipline. Too often the proviso kills the enactment; as if it were to say: "Be it enacted, that we shall do this and that; provided, however, that if anybody objects, we shall do neither this nor that!"

In a word, we should so adjust our machinery to the spirit of the times and to the fundamental demands of the Kingdom as to realize the highest efficiency. Freedom and stability are the two essentials of government, whether in church or state. And stability flows from established authority. But the sources of authority in a monarchy are totally different from the sources of authority in a republic. The ecclesiastical monarchy, like the political monarchy, gets authority by the artificial elevation of one man above another. The ecclesiastical republic gets authority by exalting the majesty of the law. The Methodist Protestant Church is a spiritual republic, and refuses to elevate one man above another. I am forever committed to this great principle of equality in the fellowship of the Kingdom. I declare to you, God being my witness, that I will not lord it over any fellow-believer in all the earth. And I say it with all humility, yet I do say, as expressing the independent manhood of the Methodist Protestant Church, no man shall lord it over me!

Again the legislative provisions of the book should correspond exactly to the constitutional provisions, and every subject should be rounded out and concluded in one single place, to which reference should be clearly made.

It is important also that the functions of the quarterly conference should be more clearly defined in its relation to the station as distinguished from the circuit. Everybody agrees also that there should be an elaboration of our polity to such a degree as to make it more efficient. There should be a General Educational Board, a commission for the direction of the evangelistic forces of our church. And our smaller conferences should be more firmly consolidated and given the advantage of the travelling presidency, and every other aid and encouragement necessary to their proper development.

All these things are before the General Conference for its consideration and for its action, but on the other hand we ought to remember that multiplying the wheels will not grind the grist! We need above everything else, the living creature in the wheels. Not the sails themselves, but the winds of the heavens that fill the sails; not the connecting wire but the electrical current that traverses the wire; not the aqueduct that leads from the mountain to the great city, but the waters that flow therein,—these are essential elements of life and power. Even so it is not the machinery of the church,

tion from the Trustees of the West Lafayette College, which we are submitting to the General Conference for its action, either directly or through the medium of appropriate committees.

We are in sympathy with whatever progressive movements are calculated to enhance the efficiency of our denominational forces in every field, and trust that a still greater future will follow the many good results already attained through the devoted activities of our various conferences and institutions and the faithful pastors of our entire denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. PICKENS, Secretary.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE.**

Zanesville, Ohio, May 19, 1916.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—

I desire to submit my report as Secretary and Treasurer of this General Conference for the period beginning May 17, 1912, and ending this day, May 19, 1916.

The first duty of your Secretary was to keep and publish the Minutes, showing the transactions of the Conference of 1912. This was done, and as ordered by that body, were published and sold by the Book Concern at Pittsburgh.

The Minutes have been duly recorded in the manuscript Journal, as required by this body, and are here for your inspection. This involved an expense of \$20.00, which has been paid by the Treasurer, on warrant signed by the President. For information, I might add that this has been custom, and is not an innovation, and the amount charged does not pay for the time of the stenographer employed in doing the work. To your Secretary this seems to be a useless expenditure of time and labor, and I recommend that the new Secretary be instructed to have the printed Journal well bound, and that the printed Journal constitute the Official Record of this General Conference.

The attention of the several Conference Secretaries have been called to the requirement of the General Conference that copies of the Annual Conference Journals for the quadrennium shall be presented bound to the General Conference. The large majority of them requested your Secretary to have the work done, and send them bill for the work. A cheap binding was selected, as being all that was necessary, and the Journals are nearly all here ready for your Committee.

I have here a number of very important communications from the General Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and suggest the appointment of a special committee to receive them, and recommend proper action by this body. Among the duties of this committee would be the nomination of eight delegates and eight alternates to the quadrennial session of the Council, to be held in St. Louis, Wednesday, December 6, 1916: The nomination of a Committee to represent this General Conference in an advisory way in consultation with the Executive Committee of the General Council. This might be the General Conference Executive Committee, or a special committee elected for that purpose; to name the members of the several Commissions of the Council, to which the Methodist Protestant Church is entitled. These men

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Methodist Protestant Church has met regularly every year, and has also held two special sessions, and we believe has done much to strengthen and further the general interests of the church and its efforts have been far-reaching in counseling and harmonizing and stimulating action of local importance in various sections, under the limited authority and jurisdiction vested in this Committee by the General Conference to be exercised during the interim of the Conference. The work of the Committee has been materially helped and rendered much more efficient by the sustained co-operation, sympathy and wise counsels, united efforts and assistance of the Secretaries of the several Boards, and that of the officers of the institutions of the church. We are glad to report that notwithstanding many circumstances, which in some degree militated against the progress of the church in certain quarters, there has been on the whole a progressive development of our denominational work in almost every field. The increase in the membership of the church, as a whole, has been fully eight per cent. during the four years, and we believe this to be a fair measure of the progress made in the general institutions of the church.

The budget system had its first real test with the beginning of this quadrennium; and the fact that the Executive Committee was authorized to apportion the sums to be raised for missions and educational purposes to the various conferences, has, of course, introduced a new feature in the administrative provinces of the church. But there has been a marked increase in the aggregate sums raised for these various interests, especially for the work of Home and Foreign Missions. And while of course this increase has been very largely due to the aggressive efficiency of our Secretaries, and of those who represented the other interests; yet we are convinced that a sufficient test has been given to the Budget System through the experiences of the last four years. The Budget System has justified itself both in our own denomination and in many others, and especially when the Budget System in itself is supplemented by the duplex envelope or some equivalent practical method of bringing in funds. And we believe this to be the best solution of the financial problems of the denomination, yet devised.

Our educational institutions have been and are passing through the same great problems which have confronted Christian colleges of every denomination in America. But we believe that all problems will ultimately be solved, and that our various educational units will be made not only to fulfill their missions, but to become a richer heritage, year by year, to the Methodist Protestant Church.

In a special meeting of the Executive Committee the affairs of West Lafayette and Adrian Colleges were brought to our attention, and in connection therewith, as a matter of sympathetic advice and counsel to all our colleges, the relations sustained by each institution to the denomination, as a whole, was carefully surveyed. It was found that our several colleges are correlated to the church in various ways. In some instances the laws of the state determine, in a large degree, their constitutional position. We believe that the election of a General Educational Board, as discussed in various forms, will prove a great benefit to our educational institutions and to the church at large. The Committee has received a communica-

The assessment ordered has not been paid as well as it should have been. Several of the conferences do not have a credit for this purpose. But others have done well, and really deserve special mention.

The Baltimore Book Directory has turned over an increasing sum each year as per direction of the General Conference in 1912, from the profits of its business. The percentage had been exceeded by Mr. Pierpont in the bills which he had paid direct. It is the thought of your Treasurer, that it would systematize his business if the percentage could be paid into his hands, and all bills paid by that officer. As it is, my report will be fragmentary, showing receipts from Baltimore, and nothing from Pittsburgh after we adjusted matters nearly four years ago. On the other hand Mr. Pierpont has paid bills for the General Conference without the direction of the Treasurer of this body.

I shall not analyze the report further. My books, and vouchers are here subject to the inspection of your Auditors. A small bill for supplies and shipping charges is attached hereto. Kindly authorize the payment of this bill.

GENERAL CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

May 13, 1912 to June 1, 1913.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand	\$400.34
F. W. Pierpont, Pittsburgh, Pa.	\$206.71
F. W. Pierpont, Pittsburgh, Pa.	347.80 554.51
Total Receipts	\$954.85

DISBURSEMENTS.

T. H. Lewis, Westminster, Md.	\$231.10
C. E. Wilbur, Pittsburgh, Pa.	17.75
A. M. Lyons, Stubenville, O.	44.00
W. N. Swift, Adrian, Mich.	70.90
J. J. Barge, Atlanta, Ga.	52.35
Geo. Shaffer, Pittsburgh, Pa.	14.30
M. L. Jennings, Pittsburgh, Pa.	60.72
S. R. Harris, Henderson, N. C.	70.00
J. E. Peterson, New London, Ia.	95.00
C. D. Sinkinson, Atlantic City, N. J.	55.50
C. D. Sinkinson, Atlantic City, N. J.	5.00
A. L. Reynolds, Lewistown, O.	70.00
W. E. Sankey, Pittsburgh, Pa.	14.00
J. J. Barge, Atlanta, Ga.	49.50
J. McD. Radford, Monroe, Ga.	25.00
T. R. Woodford, Baltimore, Md.	40.65
Remington Typewriter Co.	3.15
C. H. Beck, Sec. Expense	35.93
Total Disbursements	\$954.85

June 1, 1913 to May 31, 1914.

RECEIPTS.

From Conferences:

Onondaga	\$ 2.91
Muskingum	70.56
Ohio	47.00

should be well chosen, as this is an important work, and the real effectiveness of the Council depends in a very large degree upon the men who compose these Commissions; to consider our relation to this National Body; to decide to our continuance as an integral part of the Council; and to consider any other matters which may properly come before such a committee.

In this connection, I wish to note an item which might properly be made as a part of the Treasurer's Report, but which concerns our relation to this body. The Assessments made by the Council for its expenses have been paid as per the order of the General Conference of 1912.

The assessment of \$175 for the Ecumenical Methodist Commission has been paid as per the order of the last General Conference. In addition to this payment there have been assessments for 1913, '14 and '15 amounting to \$48.60, which were also paid.

You will please note that certain forms prepared by Rev. J. McD. Radford, D. D., for the use of the Committee on Statistics, are here. Dr. Radford is not a member of this body. He presents the forms with his compliments. This conference should select his successor as Statistical Secretary.

Our apportionment for the expenses of the Federal Council for 1916 is \$202.00. This should be referred either to your Committee on Finance, or to the Special Committee recommended, if such a committee is created.

We have here also a request from the American Branch of the World Alliance of the Churches for the Promotion of Internal Friendship, requesting the appointment of a Peace Makers Commission. This matter might be referred to the special committee suggested.

Efforts have been made to secure concessions from the Railways controlling the transportation facilities leading to this city. The Baltimore & Ohio were courteous in extending the Clerical Fare permit over its lines East of the Ohio River, so as to allow those who enjoyed that privilege to purchase their tickets at the half fare rate, both coming and returning. No concessions could be secured for the laymen. The Pennsylvania Company sent a special agent to see me concerning the matter, and I gave him all information at my hands, including a list of the names of those expected, as far as they had been reported to me at that time. He said the matter would be taken up with the individuals who were making the trip, and he would report to me later as to the concessions made. Since that time, nothing has been received. Communications were addressed to the Central, Southeastern, and Southwestern Passenger Associations, but no concessions could be secured beyond those in regular service. The Norfolk & Western Railway proffered courtesies as to accommodations, and those using their lines from Lynchburg, Va., who held Clerical courtesies were permitted to purchase their tickets at the regular clerical rate to Circleville, Ohio. I regret that we did not have greater success in the effort to serve you in this capacity. But all was done that was possible to do.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Now as to the financial part of the work. Your Treasurer was greatly embarrassed by the accumulation of bills presented at the close of the last Quadrennial session, with very little money in the treasury to pay with. However, the plans put into operation in 1912 have worked a change in that situation. The report submitted will show a neat sum in the treasury to assist in meeting the expenses of this session.

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C. H. Beck, Cash advanced	10.23	
Broome & Herbig Co.	4.00	
A. R. Kimball, Federal Council of Churches.....	181.00	
C. D. Sinkinson	36.25	
H. L. Elderdice	33.00	
D. S. Stephens	25.00	
F. T. Little	19.00	
D. S. Stephens	31.06	
C. D. Sinkinson	48.25	
U. W. Morrison	26.00	
E. D. Miller	16.32	\$520.81
Balance		\$306.46

June 1, 1915 to May 18, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

From Conferences:

North Carolina	\$ 1.00	
Muskingum	77.71	
Kansas	6.98	
Ohio	51.21	
Iowa	20.35	
West Virginia	52.01	
Onondaga	19.26	
Pittsburgh	59.95	
Colorado-Texas	.25	
Georgia	19.29	
Eastern	12.18	
Kentucky	1.00	
Indiana	1.00	
South Illinois	5.00	
Arkansas	1.25	\$328.44

From Other Sources:

Cash on hand	\$306.46	
C. H. Beck, Cash returned	50.00	
Chas. Reiner, Jr., Balt. Book Con. Div....	481.67	\$838.13
Total Receipts		\$1166.57

DISBURSEMENTS.

C. H. Beck	\$ 50.00	
L. E. Davis	21.50	
C. H. Beck	17.23	
R. T. Pickens	44.50	
W. O. Fries	2.00	
L. E. Davis	30.00	
A. R. Kimball, Fed. Council of Churches	181.00	
H. K. Carroll, As. Ecumenical Conf. ...	48.60	
Total Disbursements		\$394.83
Balance on hand May 19, 1916		\$771.44

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BECK, Treasurer.

Pittsburgh	67.73	
Missouri	.60	
Kansas	8.78	
West Virginia	45.85	
Georgia	12.00	
North Carolina	41.81	
Alabama	6.50	
Indiana	1.10	
Colorado-Texas, Col.	25.00	\$329.84

Receipts other Sources:

Chas. Reiner, Jr., Balt. Book Con. Div...	\$ 52.59	
Chas. Reiner, Jr., Balt. Book Con. Div...	319.08	\$371.67
Total Receipts		\$701.51

DISBURSEMENTS.

D. G. Helmick, Weston, W. Va.	\$ 54.00	
A. L. Reynolds, Lewistown, Ohio	12.00	
A. R. Kimball, Federal Council of Churches.....	184.00	
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H. K. Carroll, As. Ecumenical Conference.....	175.00	
Total Disbursements		\$609.00
Balance		\$ 92.51

May 31, 1914 to June 1, 1915.

RECEIPTS.

From Conferences:

Pittsburgh	\$ 66.15	
Iowa	18.25	
Muskingum	69.17	
West Virginia	64.83	
Kansas	5.56	
Ohio	48.25	
Eastern	1.53	
Onondaga	28.08	
Tennessee	.75	
Oklahoma	.40	
Indiana	75.00	
North Carolina	43.00	
Georgia	6.30	\$427.27

From Other Sources:

Cash on hand	\$ 92.51	
C. H. Beck, Cash advanced	10.23	
Chas. Reiner, Jr., Balt. Book Con. Div...	297.26	\$400.00
Total Receipts		\$827.27

DISBURSEMENTS.

Board of Home Missions, Secretary Ex.....	\$ 31.45	
C. H. Beck, Expense	4.85	
H. F. Gould, Typewriter and Ptg.	5.00	
Anna L. Bower, Stenographic Reports.....	58.40	

Mo.; Greensboro, and Asheville, North Carolina; Wingate, Miss.; Winnfield, Louisiana; Birmingham, Ala.; Magnolia, Ark.; Corsicana, Coolidge, Roxton, Paris, Stephenville, Carbon, Buffalo Gap, San Angelo, Mansfield, and Clebourne, Texas; Hugo, Comanche, and Idabel, Oklahoma; and many other places not noted in this list.

There has never been a time when the Board of Home Missions could do more for the Methodist Protestant Church than it can do in the next quadrennium, if wise plans are made and adequate support is given by the whole church. This support will require more of the missionary spirit both on the part of the ministers and members of the church. The Board must have the men it needs to carry on its work, and it must find them where they are. The men who are of no value in their own conferences are not the men that the Board of Home Missions needs for the development of the new work of the church. It takes the men to make the money effective. And when earnest men consecrate themselves to the Home Mission work of the church, they must have a support, so that they shall not be embarrassed in their own financial affairs, and they must have money to assist in securing suitable property for the development of the work of the church in the new field. Some of our best men are being handicapped just now because they do not have an adequate equipment, and we cannot secure it for them with the funds which the church has been willing to contribute for this part of the work of the denomination. Very often the success of the entire enterprise depends upon our securing the right man for the field, and providing him with an equipment which will commend itself to the people. More men, more money, and more prayers for the success of our Home Missionary work, are the great crying needs of your Board of Home Missions.

So long as more than 60 per cent. of the entire population of these United States have no affiliation with any branch of the Christian Church, and so long as more than 75 per cent. have not even a nominal connection with any Protestant Church, just so long the Boards of Home Missions of the various denominations will have only begun their work.

Our slogan should continue to be "America for Christ," but we should also remember to add to it, "Not America for America's Sake, but America for the World's Sake." The issues of the world in this generation are with America.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

Zanesville, Ohio, May 19th, 1916.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

I take pleasure in submitting this, the seventh quadrennial report of the Board of Home Missions, covering the period from May 1, 1912, to April 30, 1916.

The Work.

Has been of an intensive rather than of an extensive character, as suggested by the General Conference of 1912. The Board has been carrying more work than the contributions from the church would support, and we have been compelled to reduce the work to an income basis, since we were unable to inspire the church to support the work as already planned. In the report for 1915, we were able to show a credit balance, the first time that such a report had been possible for a number of years. We refer you to the financial part of this report for the figures for 1916.

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Historical Note.

The whole missionary work of the church was conducted by one Board for a number of years. At the General Conference of 1888 it was deemed wise to create a new Board to have charge of the work in the United States, and the Board of Home Missions was elected. This Board was formally organized at Grafton, W. Va., July 24, 1888, and is just completing twenty-eight years of history.

Governor Pierpont, of West Virginia, was the first President of the Board, and Rev. Benjamin Stout, D. D., of the West Virginia Conference, was the first Corresponding Secretary. On May 20, 1897, Dr. Stout resigned, and was succeeded by Hon. F. C. Chambers, a layman of the Steubenville, Ohio, church, in the Muskingum Conference. The General Conference elected Rev. G. E. McManiman, D. D. of the Muskingum Conference, to succeed Mr. Chambers, in 1900. Dr. McManiman resigned June 1, 1905, and was succeeded by Rev. J. H. Lucas, D. D. of the Pittsburgh Conference. Dr. Lucas resigned Sept. 1, 1908, and was succeeded by Rev. C. L. Queen, D. D. of the West Virginia Conference. Dr. Queen resigned Dec. 1, 1910, and the Board elected Rev. Charles H. Beck, D. D. of the Muskingum Conference, to fill the vacancy. Dr. Beck was re-elected by the General Conference of 1912, and has served the full term, making five and one-half years of service.

The Board of Home Missions has consisted of the following persons, during the last quadrennium:

Hon. F. C. Chambers, Steubenville, Ohio, President.

Mr. Harry W. Reeves, Beaver Falls, Pa.

Mr. T. A. Hunter, Greensboro, N. C.

Rev. J. M. Sheridan, D. D., Baltimore, Md.

Rev. A. O. Horney, Deer Park, Ohio.

Rev. T. L. Garrison, D. D., Paris, Texas. (Resigned Nov. 1, 1914, pastor mission church.)

Rev. U. W. Morrison, D. D., Clarksburg, W. Va.

Rev. Lyman E. Davis, D. D., Pittsburgh, Pa., President General Conference.

Mrs. A. G. Dixon, High Point, N. C., President Woman's Board of Home Missions.

Rev. Charles H. Beck, D. D., West Lafayette, Ohio, Corresponding Secretary.

The brief recital of our work which follows should be an inspiration to the Methodist Protestant Church, and should move her people to contribute more largely for the extension of the Church and the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, in America.

It has been the policy of the Board to organize churches in the frontier sections of the United States, and in towns and cities contiguous to our organized work. The General Conference outlines the program, and the details are worked out by the Board. New plans may be made by this General Conference for the direction of the Board in its work for the next Quadrennium.

Following out this general plan, churches have been organized, or assisted to come to self-support in Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Columbus, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Frankfort, Chicago, Keokuk, Kansas City, and Seattle; at White Plains, New York; North Tarrytown, New York; Stamford, Connecticut; Newark, Kearney, Moorestown, Millville, New Jersey; Federalsburg, and Snow Hill, Maryland; Buckhannon, Morgantown, Parkersburg, Grafton, and Clarksburg, W. Va.; Zanesville, and Mt. Vernon, Ohio; Adrian, Lansing, Flint, and Hancock, Mich.; Canton, Ill.; Kahoka,

real estate market has not been good, and sales have not been forced. We expect to be able to reimburse ourselves for the money invested in the churches, and the Kansas City parsonage will be an additional investment, if it is decided to re-locate in that city. Of course we cannot expect to re-imburse ourselves for the missionary work done.

Church Property Sold.

The property at Elkins, W. Va., which was owned by this Board, was sold Dec. 1, 1912 for \$4,000, and half the proceeds of the sale were paid to the Board of Church Extension of the West Virginia Conference. That Board had been co-operating with the Board of Home Missions in the effort to establish our work in Elkins, and had invested about as much money as we had done, hence we felt that justice required that we share with them in the proceeds of the sale of that property.

Churches Assisted in the Payment of Salaries.

Assistance has been given at the following places in payment of salaries: White Plains, New York, Eastern Conference; Taylor Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Maryland Conference; Keokuk, Iowa Conference; Frankfort, Indiana Conference; Hugo, Idabel, Comanche, and Lawton, Oklahoma Conference; Berwick, Pa., Eastern Conference; First Church, Grace Church, and West Lane Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, Muskingum Conference; Ravenna Church, Seattle, Washington; Paris, Texas Conference; San Angelo Buffalo Gap, and Carbon, Colorado-Texas Conference; People's Church, and London Heights, Kansas City, Kansas Conference; Birmingham, Alabama Conference; Hyde Park, Cincinnati, Ohio Conference; Avalon Park, and Wakeford, Chicago, North Illinois Conference; Kahoka, North Missouri Conference and Asheville, North Carolina Conference.

Overdue Loans.

The following loans are overdue as indicated:

Hoyt Avenue, Indianapolis, due Sept. 15, 1909	\$ 500.00
Board of Church Extension, Kentucky Conference, due Sept. 13, 1906	75.00
Buckhannon, W. Va., (being paid \$100 per year) due since March 31, 1912	100.00
London Heights, Kansas City, Kansas, due June 1, 1913..	500.00
Comanche, Oklahoma, series beginning Dec. 27, 1908, \$50 each, cr. 1st note \$16	384.00
Stamford, Conn., due March 2, 1912	475.00
Wingate, Miss., due August 11, 1914	500.00
Taylor Memorial, Philadelphia (becomes donation when deed delivered)	1,000.00
Kearney, N. J., due April 28, 1912	400.00
Cumberland, Maryland, due October 11, 1912	250.00
Federalburg, Maryland, due Jan. 25, 1914	100.00
Berwick, Pa., due Sept. 15, 1914, about	1,400.00
West Lane Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, due \$100, Nov. 1, 1914, \$100, Nov. 1, 1915	200.00
First Church, Columbus, Ohio, a series, due Dec. 1, 1913-14-15	1,859.07
Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, Pa., a series, due April 15, 1915-16	700.00
Asheville, North Carolina, a series, due Sept. 30, 1915....	200.00
Total	\$8,643.07

New Missions.

Only one new mission has been established during the closing quadrennium, Idabel, Oklahoma. Idabel is the county-seat of McCurtain County, Oklahoma, and now has a population of 2500 people, with promise of growth. Our church is well located in the newer part of the town, and in what promises to be the best part of the town in the coming years. The best work we have in the state of Oklahoma is in this section of the state, and the nucleus of our church is composed of the people who have moved in from the rural districts. We think it a wise plan to develop our work in the towns contiguous to our organized rural work.

New Churches.

A new church was built by the Taylor Memorial congregation during the quadrennium with parsonage, the whole property being worth \$35,000; the Squirrel Hill Pittsburgh church, has been completed, with parsonage, and is worth \$35,000; the church at Frankfort, Indiana, has been completed at a cost of \$22,000, and a parsonage property worth \$3,000 has been secured; at Asheville, North Carolina, a new church has been built, worth \$12,500; at Birmingham, Alabama, a church has been built worth \$12,500, and a parsonage property secured which is worth \$3,000; at Avalon Park, Chicago, a new \$10,000 church has been built; and at Wakeford, Chicago, a chapel worth \$5,000, has been erected; the new church at Idabel, Oklahoma, is a very neat frame chapel, costing \$1,200. None of these churches could have been built without the assistance of the Board of Home Missions. Through this agency property has been secured to the denomination worth \$139,200. We doubt if any other agency of the church can show a greater accomplishment.

New Loans.

This Board has made but one new loan during the quadrennium, though there were a number of applications which in our judgment should have been granted. We were pledged to the Asheville building proposition, and we loaned them \$2,000 on the usual ten payment plan, for building purposes.

Old Loans Outstanding.

The loans outstanding at the time of the last Quadrennial Report were \$30,377.34. This amount has been reduced to the amount shown by the report of the Auditor. That report will also show a list of Notes and Mortgages Receivable, hence they will not be included here.

Donations.

Donations have been made to Clarksburg, W. Va.; Millville, N. J.; Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ravenna, Seattle, Washington; Lawton, Oklahoma; Winnfield, La.; Calvary Church, Baltimore, Maryland; Friendly Hill, Georgia, (colored); Moorestown, New Jersey; and Flint, Michigan. The amounts of these donations will appear in the financial statement, and need not be repeated here.

Church Property Secured.

We were compelled to take over the church property in Lawton, Oklahoma, or allow it to be sold by its creditors; the church at Berwick, Pa., and the parsonage at People's Church, Kansas City, were also under mortgage, and your Board found it necessary to purchase the mortgages and take title to the properties. It has been the purpose of your Board to sell these properties, but the

work is seldom found than this field presents. The church pays \$600 to the support of the pastor, and will probably increase the amount for the next year. The property is worth \$5,000.

White Plains, New York.

This growing mission has been supporting its own pastor for the last two years. The Board has made a proposition to assist in the reduction of the indebtedness, but the proposition has not yet been accepted, nor the donation claimed. This church now has a membership of 114; 121 members in Sunday-school; 40 active members in the Christian Endeavor Society; 15 in the Junior Endeavor; and raised for all purposes last year, \$1771.48. The church is worth \$20,000, and the parsonage \$6,000. The only problem here now is the debt, and we expect to see that reduced in the near future.

Columbus, Ohio, First Church.

This church now reports 183 members; 273 enrolled in Sunday-school; 67 in the Christian Endeavor Society; and raised \$2,177.46 for all purposes last year. This church is in a very fine district just east of the Ohio State University, and we believe in the years to come, if proper methods of administration are pursued, we shall have a fine congregation, and be able to do a good work for Christ and the church.

Grace Church.

This church now reports 421 members; 550 enrolled in Sunday-school; 64 in the Christian Endeavor Society; 55 in the Junior and money raised for all purposes during the last Conference year was \$3,340.22. This church would be in the self-supporting class if it were not for the heavy building debt. However they are increasing the amount paid to the pastor each year, and will soon come to self-support. The property here is worth \$20,000.

West Lane Avenue.

This church is suburban, and will not grow rapidly until the transportation facilities are better, but we expect it to become a good church. It now reports 86 members; a Sunday-school enrollment of 103; and has 30 in the Christian Endeavor Society. This church raised for all purposes last Conference year \$883.82. The property is worth \$8,000, and the debts will soon all be paid.

Zanesville, Ohio.

The Board of Home Missions gave substantial encouragement to this work when it was in its infancy, and is very glad to have had something to do with so successful an enterprise. The present membership of the church is considerably over 700; the Sabbath school has an enrollment of 1100; the Christian Endeavor Society numbers about 100; and the church raised for all purposes during the last Conference year \$6,443.45.

Frankfort, Indiana.

This splendid church was under construction when we met in Baltimore four years ago. It has been completed at a cost of \$22,000 and a good parsonage property, worth \$3,000 has been secured. While there is some debt, we think the church will be able to carry it without its becoming too heavy a burden, and that it will soon be able to pay it in full. We have a membership of 153, 300 enrolled in Sunday-school; 60 in the Christian Endeavor Society; and the church raised for all purposes last year, \$2,316.36.

This is the list as it appears April 27, 1916. It may be changed by payments at any time.

The Easter Service.

This service continues to supply a very important part of the income of the Board. In 1915 we exceeded all previous records both in the number of schools reached, and the total offering secured. In 1916 Easter came so late that many schools did not order, more than 125 fewer orders being received than in 1916, and we have had only the receipts of one week after Easter to report. We have spared no effort in our endeavor to make this program superior to anything else of its grade on the market, and we have been very highly complimented upon the results of our efforts. We regret however that we must again call your attention to the fact that many schools, or pastors, insist upon crediting the offering on the assessment. If this should be done everywhere, the Board would be compelled to discontinue the publication of the service.

Records.

We have here a bound volume, typewritten, which contains the full proceedings of the Board of Home Missions for the last quadrennium. The books containing current accounts have been audited at annual intervals, as required by the conditions of the bond of the Secretary-Treasurer, and the certificates of the Public Accountant are also included in this bound volume.

A DESCRIPTIVE REPORT OF THE MISSION FIELDS.

Seattle, Washington, First Church.

This church has not received an appropriation for the support of the pastor during the last quadrennium, and has met all of its local expenses. But since we do not have a conference in that section to afford it the association which our other churches have, the Board of Home Missions continues its oversight of the work. This is one of the best properties in the denomination, and was made possible by a fortunate sale of the old down town property. It is large, and well adapted to all lines of church work. The walls are of blue sand stone, and the architectural design is magnificent and well proportioned. There are not more than five or six more beautiful churches in Seattle, and its pastor and congregation are making themselves felt in the Capitol Hill district, one of the most aristocratic sections of the city. We have about 260 members on the roll; 437 in Sunday-school; a prayer meeting running from 50 to 90 in attendance; a live Christian Endeavor, and Junior Society; a special class in Bible Study; and all of the auxiliaries of a well organized church. The missionary contributions last year to the Home and Foreign Boards was about \$900; and the salary of \$2,000 and furnished parsonage was paid in full by the church. We are proud of the work of the Board in connection with our First Church, Seattle. The property is worth \$100,000.

Ravenna Church.

This is the outlying mission church. It now has about 100 members; a Sunday-school of 180; a Christian Endeavor Society of 29; with an average attendance of 33; a splendid men's Bible Class; and all the other societies that the church and neighborhood seem to demand. This church is in a new community, and has been set apart to the Methodist Protestant Church by the Federation of Churches of Seattle. A better opportunity for community church

London Heights.

This church seems to have taken on new life under the pastorate of Rev. Eugenie St. John. Your present Secretary has insisted that this church had a field, and under proper leadership should succeed. But we need better equipment, and a minister who can compare favorably with those with whom he must come in contact in his work. We believe that some money could be invested here with profit to the church and community.

Keokuk, Iowa.

Some reference has already been made to this church in our report. This is a beautiful church property strategically located, and should develop into one of the strongest organizations that we have west of the Mississippi River. We now number 232 members; a Sunday-school membership of 191; 44 in the Christian Endeavor Society; and the church raised last year \$1777.00. The property is worth \$25,000.

Hugo, Oklahoma.

This church has not developed rapidly, but is making some growth. In speaking of and thinking about the work in this part of the southwest, we must remember that this is real missionary work on the Frontier, and we cannot measure success by the same standards applied in the old well established communities. This new country is filled up with people who are of a roving, adventurous disposition. Many of them will remain here permanently, but many others are constantly moving. You may win them to the church and think you have secured valuable additions, and just about the time they are really worth something to you they decide to go west. And it is folly to complain. It is in the air, and the pastor or missionary is not to blame, and cannot be held responsible. It is much easier to make a record in the development of a church in one of the older cities of the east, than it is in this new country. But the church must hold this territory for Christ, and if one set of members moves away another set must be secured from those who come after them. Business conditions have been very bad in southeastern Oklahoma for the past two years, and this has had its effect upon the work of the church. But we have a good location in the southwest part of the city, there is a large population of unchurched people all around us, and we must minister to them. We now have 60 members enrolled; 110 in Sunday-school; and 28 in the Christian Endeavor Society. The property is worth about \$2,000, and is owned by the Board.

Comanche.

This is a good town in southwestern Oklahoma, and it seems as if our church should succeed, but it has had a very slow growth. This also is real mission work, and the conditions under which ministers must labor cannot be described so as to make them understood. They must be seen and felt to be known. We have the best church house in the town, and with proper administration, the church should grow and become strong. We have 36 members in the church in Comanche and 26 at Madden Grove, a country appointment supplied from Comanche.

Asheville, North Carolina.

This beautiful church was built within the last quadrennium. The membership is growing slowly, and the prospects for success are good. We are well located in the city, and have an aggressive membership of 129; a Sunday-school of 105; a Christian Endeavor Society of 20; a Junior of 22; and raised for all purposes last year \$1900. A prominent official of another denomination said to your Secretary that in his judgment we had the best location in Asheville. We shall expect great things from Asheville in the years to come. The property is worth \$12,500.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Hyde Park.

This church is making steady progress. The membership is not increasing rapidly, but is composed of a fine class of people. Our location is strategic, and the community is now building quite rapidly. We expect to increase the membership from the new people of the community. The church has not received support from the Board for two years, and is rapidly assuming the stride of a well established church. We have a membership of 203; a Sunday-school enrollment of 250; a Christian Endeavor Society of 29; a splendid men's Brotherhood, and other organizations of a successful church. The property is worth \$20,000. The church raised last year \$2063.93.

Chicago, Illinois, Avalon Park.

About three years ago, we saw that a building development was almost due in a community several squares away from the location of our church on Chauncey Ave., and after consultation with local people advised the purchase of lots in a new location. The wisdom of our action has been justified in the results achieved. This beautiful new church worth \$10,000 has been completed within the past year, and all the indications point to the development of a successful church. We now have 85 members; a Sunday-school of 140; and 16 in the Christian Endeavor Society. We shall look for fine reports from this work in the near future. The city of Chicago is building a school house nearby at a cost of \$150,000. This will suggest to you the wisdom of our location.

Wakeford.

This is a new mission and is full of promise. The North Illinois Conference has undertaken the development of this work alone, but until this year it has had the services of the pastor of the Avalon Park Church. It is located a little more than a mile from that church, but the communities are entirely separate, and will not be in competition with each other. We now have a membership of 33; a Sabbath-school membership of 165; and a property worth \$5,000.

Kansas City, Kansas, People's Church.

This church has had its own struggles. A mistake was made in the location, which will probably never be overcome until the church is re-located. It is now one of the down town churches, and lacks the equipment necessary to compete with large, strong, and well organized churches nearby. We have here some of as loyal people as the denomination affords, but there are not enough of them to make the church succeed in its present location. We have deferred action in this case until the question of union with the Church of the United Brethren in Christ had been decided. Since that seems to be delayed, it may be wise to wait no longer, but begin to plan for a change at an early date. We will await your suggestion in this connection.

ence. This was a small band of heroic people who had rallied around a city mission, and had decided to become a church. The old mission location was unfavorable to the development of a church because of the crowding in of the Roman and Greek Catholics, and lower class Jews. The old property at Germantown Avenue and Sixth street was sold, and the debts paid, leaving the congregation about \$1,000 to begin work in the new location. This splendid church and parsonage property is worth \$35,000, and has an indebtedness of about \$9,000. We now have 250 members on roll; 690 in Sabbath school membership; 60 in the Christian Endeavor Society; and 60 in the Junior. The Taylor Memorial Church goes into the self-supporting class this year. This good work can be repeated in Philadelphia.

Birmingham, Alabama.

This church is the youngest church in the Alabama Conference, but in many respects it is the best. It was organized a little more than five years ago, but it has had a steady development, and will soon go into the self-supporting class. It now numbers 225 members; has a Sunday-school of 190; and a Christian Endeavor Society of 32 members. The church and parsonage properties are worth \$15,500. There are other opportunities in Birmingham that should be embraced by the Methodist Protestant Church.

Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

This church was in process of erection when the General Conference met four years ago. It is now one of the most promising of all of our Pittsburgh churches. The property represents an investment of \$35,000. The Board made a loan to assist in the purchase of the lots and a donation to the building fund. The salary of the pastor is being paid in full by the congregation. We now have 386 members, a net gain of 108 in eighteen months; and a Sunday-school of 300. This can be repeated in Pittsburgh. The opportunity is there and only needs men of vision and courage, and money, to secure further results for the denomination, and the Kingdom.

Flint, Michigan.

The Board of Home Missions made a donation of \$500 to assist in building this church. The congregation is not large, but is very aggressive, and is taking a large place among the religious forces of the city. There are other opportunities of organizing and building churches in Flint.

New Work.

The Board of Home Missions has scores of places in mind where just as good work can be done, as is reported here, but it must allow them to be unimproved or pass into the hands of other denominations, unless the church shall make larger contributions to this work. It is our hope and desire that the new Board shall have sufficient support to enable it to enter many of these needy and waiting fields of opportunity and service.

Westminster College, Tehuacana, Texas.

This College has two dormitory buildings, both of which are well adapted to the purpose for which they have been erected. The dormitory for men is new, having been built within the last quad-

Idabel, Oklahoma.

Idabel is the county seat of McCurtain County, in southeastern Oklahoma, and this is a new church. The present membership is 60; a Sunday school membership of 96; and 25 in the Christian Endeavor Society. This neat chapel has been built recently, and is worth \$1,200. We have a fine opportunity in Idabel.

Paris, Texas.

The church and parsonage at Paris were both destroyed by fire in the great conflagration which recently swept over that city. We must rebuild in Paris. We cannot afford to lose our hold in that city. But the congregation cannot build without help. Your Board of Home Missions is anxious to rise to the emergency here, but the funds in hand are so small that it will be impossible to appropriate as much as the situation demands. Unless we build according to the need in this city we shall spoil a good opportunity for serving the denomination, and extending the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. We have 82 members enrolled in Paris, 136 enrolled in Sunday-school, and all the other organization which the conditions demand. This is the best town in Texas where the Methodist Protestant Church is organized, and we must succeed.

Coolidge.

Our Board of Home Missions made a loan to help build this church, and it would be a good investment to assist them to sustain a resident minister, with services every Sabbath. This field needs more thorough cultivation.

San Angelo.

San Angelo is becoming a better church every year. There has not been a phenomenal growth at any time, but the church is steadily becoming stronger in membership, in prestige, and in real stability. We now have 131 members on roll, 70 in the Sabbath school; 27 in the Christian Endeavor Society; and 12 in the Junior. The Board reduced its appropriation \$100 here at the beginning of the Conference year, and they have been improving the property largely and the pastor reports "We pay as we go."

Clarksburg, West Virginia.

The congregation has outgrown the chapel, and a new building seems to be imperative. The only question about building here is one of finance, and that problem must be solved. Your Board of Home Missions made a donation of \$2,000 in the beginning of this work and is greatly interested in its ultimate success. This Board is not making appropriations here at the present time, the salary of the pastor being supplemented by the Board of Church Extension of the West Virginia Conference. This church now has 134 members; 191 in the Sunday-school; and 28 active members in the Christian Endeavor Society.

Taylor Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

This congregation had just decided to move to a new location when the last quadrennial report was made to the General Confer-

QUADRENNIAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY.
RECEIPTS FROM THE CONFERENCES

For the Year Ending April 30

	1913	1914	1915	1916	Total
Alabama	\$ 156.57	\$ 278.98	\$ 197.07	\$ 186.27	\$ 818.89
Arkansas	75.48	76.29	66.17	67.39	285.33
Charleston Mission		10.00	.75	5.75	16.50
Colorado-Texas	26.50	57.67	41.62	17.70	143.49
Colorado-Texas, Colored			.75	38.63	39.38
Eastern	1282.12	935.54	1217.56	983.78	4419.00
Florida Mission		6.88	4.95	9.15	20.98
Ft. Smith		4.42	4.50	4.22	13.14
Georgia	162.27	188.85	111.38	65.81	528.31
Georgia, Colored	3.65	11.55	3.07	2.60	20.87
Indiana	891.38	1202.81	1399.62	1157.65	4651.46
Iowa	250.64	231.48	452.12	470.16	1404.40
Kansas	241.43	325.98	211.84	278.93	1058.18
Kentucky	1.50	6.03	4.85	9.92	22.30
Louisiana	65.11	85.05	84.10	46.02	280.28
Maryland	3030.14	3011.39	3112.10	2993.09	12146.72
Michigan	513.34	696.19	501.33	991.43	2702.29
Missouri	74.45	63.10	89.14	32.44	259.13
Muskingum	1634.57	2004.01	2186.87	2021.82	7847.27
Mississippi	51.00	43.28	32.15	21.30	147.73
North Carolina	1313.50	1438.22	1299.65	1426.52	5477.89
North Illinois	708.18	799.11	973.58	669.58	3150.45
North Mississippi	109.60				109.60
North Missouri		85.21	59.20	97.90	242.31
Northwest Texas	47.65	42.25	11.40	6.90	108.20
Ohio	863.75	1019.33	1392.17	1027.34	4302.59
Onondaga	480.69	644.40	742.85	685.56	2553.50
Oklahoma	49.29	98.75	45.46	31.10	224.60
Pittsburgh	1297.41	1711.11	1950.38	1765.72	6724.62
South Carolina	46.88	9.08	9.59	.68	66.23
South Illinois	13.82	57.92	56.95	43.56	172.25
Tennessee	39.25	38.70	36.39	32.90	147.24
Texas	265.66	239.32	200.23	192.95	898.16
West Virginia	523.74	1117.83	819.59	762.98	3224.14
Washington Mission	270.19	336.00	309.79	6.15	922.13
Denominational C. E. Union	42.69		33.30	307.37	383.36
Junior C. E.		27.50	23.00	35.00	85.50
Ohio Conf. Y. P. U.	59.00	61.00	26.34	57.11	203.45
Total from Churches	\$14591.45	\$16965.13	\$17711.81	\$16553.38	\$65821.87

RECEIPTS FROM OTHER SOURCES

Cash on hand May 1	\$ 245.31	\$ 252.89	\$ 378.65	\$ 83.60	\$ 960.45
Muskingum Conf. Ch. Ex. Bd....	800.00	1100.00	1400.00	1250.00	4550.00
Clerical	20.00			5.00	25.00
Cincinnati Building	37.50			15.00	52.50
Traveling Expense	39.63	26.60		15.50	81.73
Accounts Receivable	12.00				12.00
Bills Payable	8150.00	6800.00	6700.00	5600.00	27250.00
Bonds sold	13880.23				13880.23
Interest on Bonds	52.50				52.50
Board Expense Refund	35.00				35.00
Bequest (Lewis)	215.00				215.00
Mortgages Receivable	581.00	1315.00	365.00	2639.35	4900.35
Notes Receivable			400.00	100.00	500.00
General Expense	4.25			2.50	6.75
Lawton Church	46.50	24.45	40.00		110.95
Birmingham, Alabama	5.00				5.00
Easter Supplies Credit	12.00	24.00			36.00
Elkins, W. Va. Church	500.00				500.00
Supplies, Credit	15.36	51.32		18.44	85.12
Interest		1.45	28.93	22.97	53.35
Taxes Refunded		1.60			1.60
Rebate		5.00			5.00
Real Estate		25.00			25.00
Curry Moving Expense Refund..				65.05	65.05
General Conference Error				1.00	1.00
Salary Refund	25.00				25.00
Total from other sources.....	\$24676.28	\$ 9627.31	\$ 9312.58	\$ 9818.41	\$53434.58
Total Receipts, all sources	\$49267.73	\$26592.44	\$27024.39	\$26371.79	\$119256.45

rennium. A denomination that would grow must establish itself in the newer sections of the country. No agency is of more importance in the general work of extending the church into new places, than the denominational college. An educational institution becomes a center from which radiates influences that are essential to building up a church in a new country. Such an institution is of especial value to a non-Episcopal church. It serves in a very great degree as a connecting link between the churches.

It is this fact which should make the whole denomination vitally interested in the success of the college at Tehuacana. Its success means the success of the whole church, in Texas. Its failure would mean a great disappointment and loss to the whole denomination in that section. It is essentially a church extension enterprise. It appeals to the aggressive and patriotic spirit of the church. It is the most potent agency by which to establish ourselves in a part of the country where we have not yet secured a strong foothold.

Only those in close touch with the work of the Board of Home Missions know how much money is needed for the proper development of our work in the southwest. But more even than money, we need men—men who have the traditions of the country in their blood, and who have been trained in Methodist Protestant schools. The college at Tehuacana proposes to do for the denomination what no other institution of the church can do in supplying these men. The success of Westminster College means a greater success for the work of the Board of Home Missions in the Southwest.

A Closing Word.

The Board of Home Missions takes pleasure in presenting this report of its work for the last four years. The financial tables which follow will show the receipts of the Board by years and by conferences, as well as all sums received from other sources. The income from the churches will show a handsome increase over anything that has ever been received from that source, but even this splendid increase is so small compared to what the church is well able to give. The Methodist Protestant Church could lay \$500,000 per year on the altars of the Lord for use in her Missionary work if she would do it, and she ought to do this very thing. Two dollars and a half per member, and the sum is secured. We have the money. The Methodist Protestant Church has the money. Oh what it would mean to the Missionary work of the church if we would contribute "as the Lord has prospered" us. Scores of new fields could be opened up, and every department of the work of the church would go forward with a great bound of new life. Missions—the gospel of Jesus Christ for all the world—shame upon us that so many have not heard it.

It is absolutely impossible to meet the demands of the church in her Home Mission work with the contributions at the present standard. Let us take this work upon our hearts, carry it to our secret altars of prayer, and then follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit. We do not complain. We thank you for your co-operation, your confidence, and your support, and we devoutly pray that those who come after us may enjoy the same favor with the church, and be able to do a greater work for the church. Let us not forget that the prosperity of the church is the test of our fidelity as Christians.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS,

Charles H. Beck, Secretary-Treasurer.

METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

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COMPARATIVE SUMMARY.

Receipts from the Conferences, 1904-8.....	\$ 43,030.76
Receipts from the Conferences, 1908-12.....	\$ 48,948.35
Receipts from the Conferences 1912-1916.....	\$ 65,821.77
Gain in receipts from the Conferences in last quadrennium.....	\$ 16,873.42
Receipts from other sources, 1904-1908.....	\$ 82,826.47
Receipts from other sources, 1908-1912.....	\$ 97,249.52
Receipts from other sources, 1912-1916.....	\$ 53,409.58
Decrease in receipts from other sources in last quadrennium.....	\$ 43,839.94

* This decree will be accounted for by the fact that the receipts from the sale of the down town property in Seattle, and Cincinnati, were included in the two preceding quadrenniums.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Assets, April 30, 1908.....	\$171,947.45
Assets, April 30, 1912.....	\$224,483.81
Assets, April 30, 1916:	
Cash	\$ 181.85
Mortgages	12,365.39
Notes Receivable	16,561.45
Equipment and Supplies....	200.00
Property	245,800.00
Gross Assets	\$275,108.69
Liabilities, April 30, 1916:	
Notes Payable	\$ 23,528.32
Mortgages Payable	10,028.01
Net Assets, April 30, 1916.....	\$241,552.69
Increase in Net Assets during quadrennium.....	\$ 17,068.88
Liabilities April 30, 1912.....	\$ 51,630.59
Decrease in Liabilities during quadrennium.....	\$ 18,074.26
Outstanding obligations, April 30, 1916	\$ 33,556.33

CHARLES H. BECK, Treasurer.

DISBURSEMENTS

For the Year Ending April 30

Salaries.	1913	1914	1915	1916	Total
C. H. Beck	\$ 1100.00	\$ 1650.00	\$ 1650.00	\$ 1800.00	\$ 6200.00
Keokuk	550.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	2350.00
Frankfort	400.00	600.00	520.00	440.00	1960.00
Hugo	479.75	762.00	725.75	831.95	2799.45
Berwick	160.00	.....	.....	.....	160.00
Columbus, Grace Church	600.00	720.00	773.33	704.17	2797.50
Columbus, First Church	650.00	866.69	800.00	799.97	3116.66
Columbus, West Lane Ave.	187.50	500.00	500.00	499.99	1687.49
Comanche, Oklahoma	210.00	275.00	500.00	399.99	1384.99
Seattle, Ravenna	653.60	900.00	780.00	600.00	2933.60
Paris, Texas	266.67	249.99	450.00	600.00	1566.66
London Heights, Kansas City...	80.00	120.00	40.00	.....	240.00
Peoples Church, Kansas City...	225.00	300.00	100.00	.....	625.00
Birmingham, Ala.	500.00	650.00	275.00	208.32	1633.32
Hyde Park, Cincinnati	400.00	300.00	.....	.....	700.00
Chicago, Avalon Park	577.57	805.00	700.00	700.00	2782.57
Kahoka	133.34	66.68	.....	.....	200.02
Asheville, N. C.	308.33	400.00	379.17	399.99	1487.49
White Plains, N. Y.	96.00	48.00	.....	.....	144.00
Taylor Memorial, Philadelphia..	400.00	583.33	391.66	275.00	1649.99
San Angelo, Texas	200.00	300.00	300.00	258.33	1058.33
Lawton, Oklahoma	600.00	1200.00	500.00	.....	2300.00
Carbon, Texas	75.00	40.00	60.00	.....	175.00
Idabel, Okla. ....	.....	.....	175.00	300.00	475.00
Total Salaries	\$ 8852.76	\$ 11936.69	\$ 10219.91	\$ 9417.71	\$ 40427.07
Other Purposes.					
Interest	\$ 2245.49	\$ 2162.07	\$ 2663.43	\$ 2175.63	\$ 9246.62
Notes Payable	21978.69	6656.46	5250.00	8800.00	42685.15
Stationery and supplies	435.73	516.46	304.20	283.31	1539.70
Clarksburg, W. Va. Church	750.00	.....	.....	.....	750.00
Board Expense	304.25	147.13	135.80	.....	587.18
Mortgages Payable	1416.40	1886.52	1162.83	1244.19	5739.94
Stenographic Expense	135.40	144.00	362.75	396.05	1038.20
General Expense	166.79	104.96	99.60	420.64	791.99
First Church, Seattle, Expense..	44.50	.....	.....	.....	44.50
Birmingham, Alabama	5.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Zanesville Church	84.00	72.00	60.00	48.00	264.00
Lawton, Okla. Church	420.44	264.35	80.00	83.20	847.99
Squirrel Hill Ch., Pittsburgh...	300.00	300.00	300.00	150.00	1050.00
Peoples Church, Kansas City ...	.....	26.25	.....	.....	26.25
Fefunded .....	.....	6.40	.....	.....	6.40
Moving Expense	212.50	.....	.....	200.00	412.40
Ravenna Church Expense	128.76	40.00	50.00	.....	218.76
Millville, N. J. Church	165.00	500.00	.....	.....	665.00
Assessment Refund	75.00	.....	.....	.....	75.00
Easter Service Expense	673.47	573.45	948.02	915.51	3110.45
Traveling Expense	515.65	555.47	595.80	657.42	2324.34
Elkins Expense	5.01	.....	.....	.....	5.01
Home Missions Council	100.00	106.00	45.00	.....	251.00
1st Ch. Col'bus, O. C. Y. P. U....	.....	36.00	26.34	57.11	119.45
Berwick Church .....	.....	121.18	1.96	.....	123.14
Yesler Lots, Seattle, Wash. ....	.....	58.40	9.36	9.97	77.73
Real Est. Purchase, Kas. City...	.....	.....	2017.86	.....	2017.86
Loan on Mortgage .....	.....	.....	2000.00	.....	2000.00
Winfield, La., Donation .....	.....	.....	419.21	.....	419.21
Old Ravenna Lots .....	.....	.....	39.22	41.83	81.05
Special Donation .....	.....	.....	119.50	10.00	129.50
Berwick Church Mortgage .....	.....	.....	.....	614.59	614.59
1st Ch., Flint, Mich. donation...	.....	.....	.....	500.00	500.00
8valon Pk., Chicago, Pars. Rep..	.....	.....	.....	163.78	163.78
General Conference Error .....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	1.00
Total Disb'm'ts Spec.Purposes ..	\$30162.08	\$14277.10	\$16720.88	\$16772.23	\$ 77932.29
" " for all Purposes ..	\$39014.84	\$26213.79	\$26940.79	\$26189.94	\$118395.36
Balance May 1st	\$ 252.89	\$ 378.65	\$ 83.60	\$ 181.85	
	\$39267.73	\$26592.44	\$27024.39	\$26371.79	

the end of July, 1915, a little in advance of the close of his term of service. At the Board meeting, March 2, 1916, he was reemployed to return to Japan as near September 1st, 1916, as possible.

Rev. E. H. Van Dyke generously volunteered to remain at his post more than a year beyond the time his contract required, and he started for the homeland April 14th, and is to represent the Japan Mission Conference in this body, preliminary to his well earned furlough.

Financial Matters.

The assessment laid by the Executive Committee for Foreign Missions was \$30,000 annually.

The highest amount therefrom was received in 1915-1916, \$12,613.77, less than one-half, and for the quadrennium the total from this source was \$46,941.08 instead of the \$120,000.00 assessed.

Whatever may be said thereon, surely some way ought to be found to improve so lamentable a condition which greatly burdens the Board, and hampers our activities abroad.

THE CHILDREN'S DAY OFFERING. The Board has published a Children's Day Service for thirty-one years, and supplied them free to the Sunday schools. This year a large illustrated poster, in two collors, is also being sent out. In 1915-1916 the Services were ordered by 919 schools, less than one-half the number of schools reported to the last General Conference.

That represented a distinct loss in the Board's income which helped to cripple the work, and a loss to the schools and church of the near future, for if the young are denied missionary education they will not be properly trained for the larger responsibilities and service in the Kingdom.

An authoritative deliverance ought to be made by this General Conference thereon, so as to prevent this loss being continuous through the years.

The extreme lateness of Easter this year emphasizes anew the great disadvantage of having two Mission services held in the Sunday school so near together.

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING. This was endorsed by the General Conference as a part of the Board's regular financial plan to meet the increasing demands of the work. The annual appeal to the schools has had an educational value, apart from the financial help secured. Last year a large illustrated poster accompanied the letter to the Superintendents.

SPECIAL GIFTS. These gifts have evidenced awakening interest and larger liberality, and have rendered timely aid in emergencies. They represent the personal gifts of friends of the enterprise, and the support of pastors, theological students, rent of chapels, etc. by individuals, Sunday Schools, and C. E. Societies.

THE ANNUITY FUND. This is now permanently established. During the quadrennium \$6,000.00 was added thereto. The entire fund of \$6,200.00 has been invested in 5% bonds and a gold note, under the advice of one of the most reputable and successful banking institutions of Baltimore, Md., Messrs. Baker, Watts and Co., to whom the Board is under many obligations for specially marked favors and accommodations.

It is understood that at the death of the donors their gifts will be used directly in the foreign work.

THE CRAWFORD FARM. An aged Presbyterian, Mr. Matthew Crawford, of Allegheny County, Pa., bequeathed to our Board, without any conditions whatever, one-half interest in his farm, the other half was given to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Pres-

**QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF
FOREIGN MISSIONS.**

To the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church,
in session in Zanesville, Ohio, May 19th, 1916.

Dear Brethren:—

The Board of Foreign Missions respectfully submits the following report of its administration at home, and of the condition and progress of our foreign missionary enterprise in Japan for the quadrennium—May 1, 1912 to April 30, 1916.

With singleness of purpose, to the limit of their ability, and unto the extent of the resources supplied by the church, the great trust committed to this Board has been administered by its members.

The principles and facts, the achievements and assured triumphs of the Kingdom have been persistently presented to the church in the effort to broaden the missionary vision, and to incite the interest and liberality of our people.

With great insistence we have pleaded for the adoption of definite plans of missionary education in all departments of the local church and have placed renewed emphasis upon Christian stewardship, and the need of more efficient financial methods, including the every-member canvass, to make easier the giving and larger the gifts of the churches.

Then, too, we have appealed for definite missionary intercession at the home altars and in the churches and Sunday schools throughout the denomination.

A hopeful sign are volunteers and applicants who have offered talents and life for service in the foreign field, and the numerous inquiries concerning the work.

It is readily seen that oversight and management of so great an enterprise is becoming more extensive and complex.

Grave problems are created by the increasing demands of the deversified work of building up all departments of a denomination by one Board located nearly nine thousand miles from the sphere of operations.

The conditions involve government regulations and law, "Conference and Mission interests, including a Japanese ministry; the purchase, sale, rent, removal, and rebuilding of properties in many localities of a large area; six schools and Nagoya College with its enrollment of 461 male students; training theological students; organizing Sunday schools and C. E. Societies, and other features.

On the other hand, the administration of affairs here at home brings its full share of perplexities and burdens, centering largely in the insufficient and delayed receipts from the churches, which has necessitated securing loans at regular interest rates.

Furthermore, it is the most varied and extensive work of any Board in the Church, and it has more office duties, bookkeeping, clerical labors, etc., and its field work, upon which the development of interest and the increase of receipts so largely depend, ought to have had the undivided attention of the secretary.

Movement of Missionaries.

It is a matter of great concern that no new missionaries could be sent to the foreign field during the quadrennium, largely because funds were lacking.

Rev. E. I. Obee, who represented the Japan Mission Conference at the last General Conference, returned to Japan April, 1913.

Rev. L. Layman requested permission to return to America near

The Board's Educational Department.

This department ought to be more extensively utilized in disseminating information throughout the church by leaflets, etc., and in organizing Mission Study Classes, and in projecting various agencies designed to enlist our people.

A leaflet "Are You An Executor of Christ's Last Will and Testament," by Rev. John M. Holmes, D. D., a circular giving the names of Missionary books and helps, two large posters to awaken interest in the Sunday schools were published, but much more would have been done to cultivate the field, if it had been possible to do so.

We have been confronted with the difficulty of reaching nearly 200,000 members through the official papers with limited subscription lists, although weekly articles were written for the special column generously provided by the editors.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement.

The Board endorsed this great Movement, and commended it, and the numerous conventions held in cities throughout the land, to our pastors and laymen. Its excellent plans have proved the best yet devised for creating missionary interest, and increasing contributions for the cause, and find, in part, a place in the general missionary policy to be presented at this session by the Board.

Office Equipment.

Through the special gifts of numerous friends in different Conferences, substantial additions were made to our office equipment—an addressograph, L. C. Smith Typewriter, a multigraph, a fire-proof safe, a large roll-top desk and verticle files.

Property Interests.

The church owns properties in Japan valued at \$80,000.00. They are held by an association composed of our missionaries, and the titles are registered under government sanction. "This absolutely guarantees them."

A large number of our Japanese pastors, however, hold services in rented Japanese houses, even in Tokyo, the capital.

The small groups of faithful Christians are unable to provide their own church buildings, although they could—in most cases—meet the current expenses after the buildings are erected, as self-support is being constantly emphasized, and they seek to attain to it.

Lots and neat inexpensive chapels ought to be provided, and that would insure the permanency and progress of our work at important points.

The properties, the sale of which the Board approved, have not been disposed of, and the removal and reconstruction of the Yokohama Churches, and the erection of the Nagoya College Church have not been completed.

It is hoped, however, that the transactions will be put through this year, and great improvement result in location, facilities, operations, and—we trust—in success.

Evangelistic Department.

The expansion of the work in Japan, the increase of pastors, churches and Sunday schools, the spiritual results, and the movement towards self-support are the outstanding evidences of progress.

byterian Church. It has oil and coal, and a low estimated value is \$17,000.00. The property has been placed in the hands of a real estate firm for sale, the tenant's lease requires him to vacate on six month's notice.

BEQUESTS. The Board was informed last year that, by the will of the late Mrs. Dexter Horton of Seattle, Washington, it is to receive \$5,000 at the end of ten years.

Word has just reached us that the late Mrs. Clora Bailey, of Frankfort, Indiana, has bequeathed to the Board the sum of \$500.

It is indeed gratifying that friends are thus remembering the foreign missionary enterprise, and it is hoped that these examples will stimulate others to do likewise.

SOME CAUSES. The return of a Missionary family to Japan, and the coming of two families to America increased the expenditures considerably in excess of the granted budget,^o and for them there was no provision.

The conditions created by the great war have affected our receipts, because our churches, largely rural, and located in twenty-eight states, have been subjected to influences which other denominations, operating in the great industrial and commercial centers of the country, have not felt to the same extent.

THE RESULT. We closed the quadrennium with a debt, but if the assessment, for the part of the Conference year already passed, had been paid, there would have been no debt, and if the Crawford Farm had been sold the same result would have followed.

"A debt is no more a disgrace to a Board of Foreign Missions than to a business house, or to a hospital, or to a nation."

"A deficit does not necessarily indicate poor business management in fact it may show the far-seeing and sober wisdom and Christian devotion, and wise statesmanship of those who bore the responsibility at the time." The responsibility for the debt does not rest upon those who administer the funds, but upon those whose duty it is to collect and to contribute them for the development of the work.

In the absence of any special reserve or working capital, the Board had "to depend upon the faith and zeal, the conscience and the spiritual gratitude of those who, themselves forgiven much, love much the redeeming King and His Kingdom."

The Board had endeavored to adhere to the debt restriction in the Discipline laid upon us, but which is not upon any other Board, Society or local church. It would have been disastrous, if the Board had not negotiated temporary loans while waiting for the assessment and other contributions from the churches. Furthermore, almost without exception all the Boards of Foreign Missions are compelled to likewise borrow money annually for the same reason.

We challenge any Board of any denomination in America to show more economy in administration, more numerous and more arduous labors performed, or greater results secured, with the capital available, and the policy of the last General Conference which denied the Board an assistant to do office work, and also required the corresponding secretary to be the treasurer—the only case of the kind among forty boards of foreign missions.

A WORTHY AIM. For months we have set before the church "An objective Worthy of Us—\$100,000 Annually for Foreign Mission's," coincident with the publication of efficient plans of missionary education and giving, and it is earnestly hoped that this General Conference will add the weight of its authority to have at least the principal parts of those plans adopted by our churches, and have a determined effort made to reach that goal.

The Educational Department.

Fifteen years ago the Board placed the following on record: "Its—the Board's—conviction remains unaltered that God has called us as a church to do the work of Christian education in Japan."

While not unduly exalting the work of this department, the Board has consistently adhered to that announced conviction, and the opening of new schools, the upbuilding of the established ones have been natural, and to meet the needs of the several communities.

Rev. M. Ohgimi, of Tokyo, is entitled to great praise for, deeply sympathizing with the blind people, of whom there are thousands of all ages in Japan, he started—single-handed—a school for them.

It truly evidences the spirit of Christ.

It has passed to the control of the Mission, and, in a rented two-story house, enters upon a larger service to those unfortunates, of whom already enough have become Christians to organize themselves into a church.

Four Night Schools have been organized this quadrennium.

YOKOHAMA NIGHT SCHOOL. Several thousands of male students have attended this school since its opening, been in its Bible Classes, under religious influences and teachings and a goodly number, while in school or afterwards, have become Christians. Its educational standards have been maintained, and its influence has widened. During the absence of its Principal, Rev. L. Layman, in America, a foreign teacher has been employed.

HIRATSUKA NIGHT SCHOOL. This school was started by a former pastor to reach young men, and several were baptized. The possibilities of this work call for better provisions for its development.

ATSUTA NIGHT SCHOOL. The congregation of the Atsuta Chapel inaugurated it, and have had the aid of the missionaries. It has been blessed from the start with revival results, and the prospects are very favorable.

KUWANA NIGHT SCHOOL. Pastor Banno, a converted Buddhist priest, sought to aid the young who labored in the day, and opened in the chapel a school in which he quickly gathered from twenty to thirty, and has extended his regular work thereby. It was here that a very successful revival followed great opposition.

YOKKAICHI NIGHT SCHOOL. It is in a new port-of-entry for foreign trade, in a growing population, where we have a vigorous church, and it ought to be built up as a feeder to our Nagoya College, about 20 miles across the bay.

NAGOYA COLLEGE. The beginnings of this institution were in faith and much labor. In recent years, under government recognition, its student body has increased steadily and rapidly. The enrollment for the year which ended in March was 461, and strikingly significant is the fact that 180 were turned away, because there was no room for them.

With a dormitory and better equipment, 700 male students could be secured, is the statement of President Van Dyke.

Its faculty of twenty-four has four university graduates, ten college men, and most of the others have government license.

Nearly 1000 male students are under the care of our Board in the schools.

The very prosperity of the work abroad, however, increases the claims for aid upon us in order to maintain and further extend all our activities.

Two years of the National Evangelistic Campaign have closed with gratifying results. All classes, in meetings held in churches, tents, public halls, have been reached. Audiences were large, the attention—for hours at a time—was rapt, newspaper's reports full and sympathetic, and the Gospel was presented to the Empire as never before.

Great numbers expressed their purpose to follow Christ, and a much larger number stated their willingness to study the Gospel.

Count Okuma, the Prime Minister, "frankly stated his own convictions that no practical solution of many pressing problems was in sight apart from Christianity."

Even Abbot Kosui, the recent head of the Hongwanji sect of Buddhism has said "Buddhism in Japan, as well as in India and China, is doomed to ultimate destruction, for it is out of touch with life."

Great, therefore, is our obligation to undertake, with renewed energy and self-sacrifice, to the limit of our ability, the development of our foreign missionary enterprise, for in these portentous times the greatest of all needs is the love of God in human hearts, and the principles of the Gospel applied to human life and affairs.

Our Japanese Ministry.

A most worthy achievement, under God, is the number and character of the Japanese ministers and preachers we have obtained for our work, most of them our own sons in the faith.

They rank as the peers of the pastors of other denominations operating in Japan, a number being graduates of the best theological seminaries there, and one or two in U. S. A.

Added responsibility was placed upon them by entrusting the organized churches, and the missions the Conference would support, to their care, and after years of tutelage under the missionaries, they were allowed, four years ago, to elect annually two nominees for President, from whom the Board was to appoint one.

This year, for the first time in our history, a Japanese, Rev. I. Inanuma, was appointed President, and presided over the Conference session held March 14, 1916, and has, of course, entered upon his official duties.

He is one of our own boys, reached through a school the writer started at Fujisawa, trained by the late Rev. T. H. Colhouer, was Field Secretary of the C. E. Movement in Japan for several years, has made his impress upon the student body of our Yokohama Night School, and is esteemed as a gifted preacher.

Theological Students.

The Board and the Missionaries, fully recognizing the absolute need of a native ministry, have continued to provide our candidates for that sacred work with the best possible training under our splendid corps of teachers at our Nagoya College, and at the established seminaries.

Needless to say, the Japan Mission Conference has been greatly strengthened thereby, and several of the younger men are already coming into prominence through their talents and earnest efforts.

Four of them, specially gifted in song, have formed the "Gospel Quartet", and are said to be without superiors in Japan, and are helping very materially in evangelistic efforts.

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RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES.

May 1, 1912 to April 30, 1916.

Conferences.	1912-1913	1913-1914	1914-1915	1915-1916	Total
Alabama	\$ 97.25	\$ 255.53	\$ 152.26	\$ 179.56	\$ 684.60
Arkansas	71.50	71.12	53.52	58.27	254.41
Colorado Texas	21.85	25.60	17.75	23.85	89.05
Charleston Mission	8.45	15.80	15.80	7.50	47.55
Eastern	661.46	1265.20	1381.98	1499.90	4808.54
Florida	1.00	13.54	12.35	9.15	36.04
Georgia	154.27	218.43	121.53	99.29	593.52
Georgia, Colored	7.46	4.45	4.75	3.25	19.91
Indiana	1112.17	1394.45	1439.66	1449.29	5395.57
Iowa	357.75	423.68	392.59	486.74	1660.76
Kansas	375.81	345.56	250.18	277.92	1249.47
Kentucky	2.00	3.00	3.10	3.77	11.87
Louisiana	67.57	45.62	70.35	55.28	238.82
Maryland	8997.32	9514.77	8798.31	8180.59	35490.99
Michigan	1021.68	860.63	630.29	1183.32	3695.92
Mississippi	58.25	36.82	26.80	20.81	142.68
Missouri	104.37	156.42	136.12	103.56	500.47
Muskingum	1707.75	2217.97	2125.61	2521.64	8572.97
† New Jersey	519.20	.....	.....	.....	519.20
North Carolina	1983.83	2260.74	1789.00	1916.94	7950.51
North Illinois	882.00	687.60	819.90	731.20	3120.70
North Missouri	110.25	49.90	50.28	53.00	263.43
Northwest Texas	17.90	27.52	5.50	5.00	55.92
Ohio	1477.31	1109.14	1306.08	1169.64	5062.17
Oklahoma	6.65	27.61	21.40	34.28	89.94
Onondaga	712.48	930.47	1092.00	925.98	3660.93
Pittsburgh	1753.61	2337.85	2858.81	3449.10	10399.37
South Carolina	3.80	23.60	1.12	9.95	38.47
South Illinois	100.98	79.67	69.53	33.43	283.61
* Southwest Texas	23.00	26.00	.....	.....	49.00
Tennessee	54.65	34.95	59.49	44.09	193.08
Texas	200.37	143.35	99.83	156.91	600.46
Virginia	11.59	8.00	5.30	1.47	26.36
West Virginia	548.87	6204.62	863.13	756.24	8372.86
Seattle, Washington	203.44	466.50	334.21	417.21	1431.36
Total	\$23437.84	\$31286.11	\$25008.53	\$25868.13	\$105600.61
Denom. C. E.	330.98	261.50	195.00	304.38	1091.86
Total	\$23768.82	\$31547.61	\$25203.53	\$26172.51	\$106692.47
Special	151.23	83.50	331.57	346.00	912.40
Total	\$23920.05	\$31631.11	\$25535.10	\$26518.61	\$107604.87

† United with Eastern Conference.
 * United with Colorado-Texas Conference.

COMPARISON BY CONFERENCES, 1908-1912 AND 1912-1916.

Conferences:	1908-1912	1912-1916	Increase	Decrease
Alabama	\$ 607.66	\$ 684.60	\$ 76.94	\$
Arkansas	433.96	254.41	.....	179.55
Colorado Texas	148.42	89.05	.....	59.37
† Central Texas	156.19	.....	.....	156.19
Charleston Mission	25.40	47.55	22.15	.....
Eastern (N. Y., N. J. & Pa.)	134.01	4808.54	4674.53	.....
Florida	2.00	36.04	34.04	.....
Georgia	846.18	593.52	.....	252.66
Georgia, Colored	13.47	19.91	6.44	.....
Indiana	5057.43	5395.57	338.14	.....
Iowa	1338.44	1660.76	322.32	.....
Kansas	2023.44	1249.47	.....	773.85
Kentucky	20.42	11.87	.....	8.55
Louisiana	195.15	238.82	43.67	.....
Maryland	34044.36	35490.99	1446.63	.....
Michigan	3732.99	3695.92	.....	37.07
Mississippi	219.75	142.68	.....	77.07
Missouri	382.09	500.47	118.38	.....
Muskingum	7271.05	8572.97	1301.92	.....
* New Jersey	1936.62	519.20	.....	1417.42
* New York	1939.64	.....	.....	1939.64
North Carolina	8876.09	7950.51	.....	925.58

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.**Japan Statistics.**

We have had only three married missionaries in Japan this quadrennium, but, as already intimated, the corps of Japanese pastors has increased, and that is a most hopeful sign, as the native ministry is the surest promise of a nation's evangelization.

This quadrennium the number of Japanese ministers, probationers and evangelists has increased from 34 to 37, besides one died and two withdrew.

The increase in organized churches was three, and in chapel organizations and mission appointments, six, total nine.

The gain in full members on the roll was 377, besides 258 probationers, and 368 enquirers.

The number of Sunday schools rose from 46 in 1912 to 64 in 1916, total increase, 18.

The increase in the number of S. S. Scholars was from 2770 to 4175, a total of 1405.

The total contributions of 1915-1916 as compared with 1911-1912, show some increase. It should always be remembered that the great majority of our people are poor, the daily wage is low, and the standard of comfort correspondingly so, and there is financial depression caused by the great war, but more especially by the previous wars with China and with Russia which raised the taxes and the prices of everything.

Receipts by Quadrenniums.

1888-1892	\$52,028.94
1892-1896	52,280.79
1896-1900	52,688.72
1900-1904	65,604.33
1908-1912	93,391.79
1912-1916	107,604.87

The total increase of this quadrennium over that of 1908-1912 was \$14,213.08. In addition thereto the Board owns one-half interest in the Crawford Farm near Pittsburgh, Pa.,—a low valuation thereof is \$8,500.—and the Annuity Fund, now \$6,200., are both usable assets later on, as the farm is to be sold, and the Board owns the bonds of the Annuity Fund.

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SUMMARY.

Total Receipts from all sources		\$127445.17
Total Expenses Abroad	\$ 89343.63	
Total Office Expenses	9077.89	
Total Children's Day Expenses	3191.00	
Total Office Equipment	518.12	
Total Special Expenses	3856.84	
Total Annuity Bonds	6104.19	
Total Paid on Loans	15300.00	
Total Expenditures		\$127391.67
Balance on hand May 1, 1916		\$ 153.50

STATEMENT OF LOANS.

	1912-13	1913-14	1914-15	1915-16	Total
Notes in Bank May 1, 1912	\$ 4000.00				\$ 4000.00
Loans Secured	3000.00	5600.00	5000.00	4900.00	18500.00
Total	\$ 7000.00	\$ 5600.00	\$ 5000.00	\$ 4900.00	\$22500.00
Loans Paid	\$ 2500.00	\$ 6100.00	\$ 4000.00	\$ 2700.00	\$15300.00
Notes Due Bank May 1, 1916					\$ 7200.00

SUMMARY FOR YEAR

May 1, 1915 to April 30, 1916.

Receipts.		Disbursements.	
Balance May 1, 1915	\$84.65	Special	\$1141.69
Assessment	12613.77	Home (Office & C. Day)	3288.89
Children's Day	8591.08	Abroad	23218.56
Special	4313.76		
Annuity Fund	1000.00	Total Disbursements	\$28649.76
Total Receipts	\$26603.26	Loans Paid	2700.00
Loans	4900.00	Total	\$31349.76
Total from all sources	\$31503.26	Balance on hand May 1, 1916	153.50
			\$31503.26

QUADRENNIAL STATEMENT.

May 1, 1915 to April 30, 1916.

Receipts.		Disbursements.	
Balance May 1, 1912	\$1340.30	Special	\$3856.84
Assessment	46941.08	Home (Off. & C. Day)	12787.91
Children's Day	35242.86	Abroad	89243.63
Annuity Fund	6000.00	Annuity Bonds	6104.19
Special	19420.93	Total Disbursements	\$111991.69
Total Receipts	\$108945.17	Loans Paid	15300.00
Loans Secured	18500.00	Balance on hand May 1, 1916	153.50
Total from all sources	\$127445.17		\$127445.17

Baltimore, Md.,

May 2nd, 1916.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of Rev. F. C. Klein as per the above statements, and found them correct in every way.

H. C. STALEY.

North Illinois	3428.13	3120.70	.....	307.43
North Missouri	345.18	263.43	.....	81.75
Northwest Texas	62.73	55.92	.....	6.81
Ohio	5135.38	5062.17	.....	73.21
Oklahoma	76.02	89.94	13.92	.....
Onondaga	2447.32	3660.93	1213.61	.....
*Pennsylvania	257.41	.....	.....	257.41
Pittsburgh	6560.29	10399.37	3839.08	.....
South Carolina	40.57	38.47	.....	2.10
South Illinois	268.01	283.61	15.60	.....
†Southwest Texas (S.W.Tex.& Col.Tex.)	56.55	49.00	.....	7.55
Tennessee	154.56	193.18	38.62	.....
Texas (Tex. & Cen. Tex.)	457.03	600.46	143.43	.....
Virginia	83.16	26.36	.....	56.80
West Virginia	2427.45	8372.86	5945.41	.....
Washington (Seattle)	601.47	1421.36	819.89	.....
Denom. C. E. Union	1504.15	1091.86	.....	412.29
Total	\$93310.05	\$106692.47	\$20414.72	\$ 7032.30
Special Contributions	81.74	912.40	830.66	.....
Total	\$93391.79	\$107604.87	\$21245.38	\$ 7032.30
Increase in Receipts 1912-1916 over 1908-1912				\$14213.08

† United with Texas Conference.

* United to form Eastern Conference.

‡ United with Colorado-Texas Conference.

TREASURER'S QUADRENNIAL REPORT.

May 1, 1912 to April 30, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

	1912-13	1913-14	1914-15	1915-16	Total
To Assessment	\$10414.01	\$12375.74	\$11537.56	\$12613.77	\$46941.08
To Children's Day Offerings ...	8824.88	9168.94	8657.96	8591.08	35242.86
To Special Contributions	4630.33	5086.43	5339.58	4313.76	19370.10
To Error by Bank	50.83	.....	.....	.....	50.83
Total	\$23920.05	\$26631.11	\$25535.10	\$25518.61	\$101604.87
To Annuity Fund .....	.....	5000.00	.....	1000.00	6000.00
Total Receipts	\$23920.05	\$31631.11	\$25535.10	\$26518.61	\$107604.87
To Balance May 1, 1912	1340.30	.....	.....	.....	1340.30
Total	\$25260.35	\$31631.11	\$25535.10	\$26518.61	\$108945.17
To Loans	3000.00	5600.00	5000.00	4900.00	18500.00
Total from all sources	\$28260.35	\$37231.11	\$30535.10	\$31418.61	\$127445.17

EXPENDITURES.

Abroad.

	1912-13	1913-14	1914-15	1915-16	Total
By Missionaries' Salaries	\$ 3241.82	\$ 3626.50	\$ 3565.00	\$ 2805.00	\$13238.32
By Mission Expenses	16897.06	18199.62	18156.00	19324.92	72577.60
By Special Expenses	1387.13	276.99	775.00	1088.59	3527.71
Total Abroad	\$21526.01	\$22103.11	\$22496.00	\$23218.51	\$89343.63

At Home.

	1912-13	1913-14	1914-15	1915-16	Total
By Office Expenses	\$ 2075.77	\$ 2457.84	\$ 2227.45	\$ 2315.94	\$ 9077.89
By Children's Day Expenses ...	773.24	748.79	763.03	905.94	3191.00
By Office Equipment	96.39	35.53	320.10	66.99	518.12
By Special Expenses	941.41	905.25	868.49	1141.69	3856.84
Total At Home	\$ 3886.81	\$ 4147.41	\$ 4179.07	\$ 4430.56	\$16643.85
By Purchase of Annuity Bonds. ....	.....	5103.50	.....	1000.69	6104.19
Total	\$ 3886.81	\$ 9250.91	\$ 4179.07	\$ 5431.25	\$22748.04
By Payment on Loans	2500.00	6100.00	4000.00	2700.00	15300.00
Total at Home and Abroad	\$27912.82	\$37454.02	\$30675.07	\$31349.76	\$127391.67
Balance on hand May 1, 1916					\$ 153.50

made in full and a part payment on the second installment, leaving a balance of \$4,000.00. These two investments, one in Japan, and the other in China, coming just at the outbreak of the terrible European war, has been a knotty problem for us to meet.

The income of the society from the church at large has decreased in the past two years, making it necessary that we exert ourselves to even greater effort to meet demands made upon us. We received a very generous gift from the Church at Fairmont, West Virginia, for new work in China.

This gift made it possible for us to purchase a very fine station at Hsuan Huafu. Mr. J. C. G. Bair, of Cambridge, Ohio, has been a strong supporter of our work in the past few years. In connection with the Pittsburgh Branch he assists in the salary of Rev. G. S. Soderbom, who is connected with the China work; and with the Muskingum Branch he is giving very generous aid in establishing a "Center" in Kalgan, where church, school and social work is carried on. This community idea is a new feature in our mission work, but bids fair to attract the people.

Our Schools.

We have established schools in three of the larger cities of Japan, Yokohama, Nagoya, and Hamamatsu. We have several outlying stations where we carry on Bible work.

In Yokohama, where our largest school is located, we have the High School, the primary, and Kindergarten. The High School has had an attendance during the past four years of 325, our Primary school 327, and the Kindergarten, 393. The three schools have a corps of thirty-six native teachers under the supervision of three resident missionaries. Heretofore these schools have been separated. Some occupying leased ground. In our new location these schools will be brought together in one compound which will be very advantageous to our work.

We have a Kindergarten at Nagoya that has received many words of praise for its efficiency. At Hamamatsu we have another Kindergarten. At this station we are using leased ground and a rented building for Kindergarten purposes. We have the land, but not the money with which to build.

All of our schools maintain a high standard of excellence throughout these cities.

Evangelistic Work.

Two of our missionaries are giving their entire time to evangelistic work. The Bible women are under their supervision. The district given to our mission to work in, covered an area of two hundred miles. In the Southern Peninsulas, a section assigned to the Methodist Protestant missions, there are about one hundred and fifty towns with a total population of 168,000. Our workers must take the gospel to these places. So far we have opened work in fourteen of these towns. To the west of Nagoya we have another large field where seventeen stations have been visited.

The work among women must necessarily be house to house visitation. The workers average two hundred visits in families every month. In these house to house visits an older class of women are reached, and we have many testimonials of their faith and belief. With this work, cooking classes, mother's meetings, and other work of general interest to women is given attention by our missionaries and their assistants.

Sunday school work is given full attention by our evangelists and their helpers. It is one of the agencies through which much good is accomplished. The annual enrollment is about 450 pupils in the different schools.

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

To the President and Members of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in its Twenty-Second Quadrennial session, Greeting.

By Article Five of the rules governing our Women's Foreign Missionary Society, as found in the by-laws of the Church Discipline, we are amenable to the General Conference for the report of our work for the quadrennial session.

We have continued to carry on our work to conform as close as possible to our constitution, which calls for efforts in Christianizing women and children in lands which have not the full measure of the Gospel of Christ.

We have established Schools for giving a Christian education to the children in some of these darkened lands. Kindergartens have been opened that we may have the training of the child in early life. Sunday schools have been organized and Bible women employed to further the work we are trying to accomplish.

Our report to you will not differ very much from those preceding it. Our object and aim is the same and the localities wherein we labor are the same.

The beginning of our mission work was in Yokohama, Japan, in 1880. Through what was known many years ago as the Brick Fund we were enabled to purchase land and erect a building at 244 B Bluff at a cost of about \$7,000.00. This land was located in that part of the open port City of Yokohama set apart for foreigners. For thirty-five years this place has been a home for our Missionaries, also the building in which our Yokohama school has been operated. Buildings have been added from time to time and general repairs kept up, but the time came when this property was no longer adequate to our needs.

When Mr. John Mott visited Japan in 1913 with other commissioners, he made the official statement that if Missionary societies would properly adjust themselves as to location it would increase their efficiency. This was the needed word to turn our missionaries into the proper path and cause them to seek a re-adjustment of our properties and work.

Just at this time a fine piece of land in the most desirable part of the city became available to us. After much deliberation it was decided to purchase this land for the sum of \$16,000.00. The property at 244 B Bluff was sold for \$12,100.00, cash, and we have the free rental for one year and the privilege of removing our McCaslin Chapel, which is our best building. We regard this as a most fortunate offer.

Other moneys accruing from legacies and other sources have materially helped us to carry on our work. Another year of activity and a strong pull and we can go forward to build up a splendid school in this city.

When we entered Kalgan, China, a station in the North China mission, owned by The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, it was understood that the expenses of the station would be borne jointly by the two boards. We paying the salary of the missionary and The American Board to meet the other expenses. As soon as the W. F. M. S. was satisfied that the great field of Kalgan was all that was claimed for it, negotiations began with the American Board for the purchase of this station. The transfer of the property from the American Board to the W. F. M. S. was arranged. We were to pay the sum of \$9,000.00 for all the land, buildings and good will of the former Board. The money was to be paid in three installments of \$3,000.00 each. One payment was